

PTE Reading Practice Test 6

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Look at the text below with blanks. Choose the appropriate word from the provided lists for each blank.

Item 1:

According to research conducted by Cambridge University, flowers can use their own ways to attract insects to help them pollinate. Flowers will release an _____ smell. Beverley Glover from the University of Cambridge and her _____ did an experiment in which they use fake flowers to attract bees and insects. In their experiments, they freed many bumblebees from their _____ repeatedly, and got the same _____.

1. Uncomfortable, irresistible, wired, strange
2. Friends, colleagues, staff, relatives
3. Origins, originals, organisms, organics
4. Hypotheses, processes, assertions, results

Item 2:

Fans of biographical criticism have a luxurious source in the works of Hans Christian Andersen. Like Lewis Carroll (and, to a lesser extent, Kenneth Grahame), Andersen was near pathologically uncomfortable in the company of adults. Of course, all three had to work and _____ with adults, but all three really _____ well to children and their simpler worlds. Andersen, for a time, ran a puppet theater and was incredibly popular with children, and, of course, he wrote an impressive body of fairy tales which have been produced in thousands of editions since the 19th century. Most everyone has read or at least knows the titles of many of Andersen's works: "The Ugly Duckling," "The Emperor's New Clothes," "The Nightingale," "The Little Mermaid," "The Match Girl," and many others. Though, as with most folk and fairy tales, they _____ adult readers much differently than they do young first-time readers. Charming tales of ducks who feel _____ because they don't fit in, only to exult in the discovery that they are majestic swans, gives child readers clearly-identifiable messages: don't tease people because they're different; don't fret about your being different because some day you'll discover what special _____ you have. A closer, deeper look at many of Andersen's tales (including "The Ugly Duckling," which is not on our reading list), reveals a darker, harder, more _____ thread. People are often cruel and unfeeling, love is torturous—in general, the things of the material world cause suffering. There is often a happy ending, but it's not conventionally happy. Characters are rewarded, but only after they manage (often through death) to transcend the rigors of the mortal world.

1. React, interact, perform, talk

2. React, connected, related, concerned
3. Strike, hit, beat, strive
4. Inappropriate, shameful, awkward, improper
5. Blessings, gifts, ability, treasures
6. Harmful, painful, detrimental, unpleasant

Item 3:

It originally referred to the production of goods to meet customer _____ exactly in time, quality and quantity, _____ the 'customer' is the final purchaser of the product or another process _____ along the production line.

1. Requirement, demand, need, feedback
2. While, thus, although, whether
3. Up, further, all, back

Item 4:

Mintel Consumer Intelligence _____ the 2002 market for vegetarian foods, those that directly replace meat or other animal products, to be \$1.5 billion. Note that this excludes traditional vegetarian foods such as produce, pasta, and rice. Mintel forecasts the market to nearly double by 2006 to \$2.8 billion, with the highest growth coming from soymilk, especially refrigerated brands. The Food and Drug Administration's 1999 decision to allow manufacturers to include heart-healthy claims on foods that deliver at least 6.25 grams of soy protein per serving and are also low in _____ fat and cholesterol has spurred _____ interest in soymilk and other soy foods. A representative of manufacturer Food Tech International (Veggie Patch brand) reported that from 1998 to 1999, the percentage of _____ willing to try soy products jumped from 32% to 67%. Beliefs about soy's _____ in reducing the symptoms of menopause also attracted new consumers. A 2000 survey conducted by the United Soybean Board showed that the number of people eating soy products once a week or more was up to 27%. Forty-five percent of respondents had tried tofu, 41% had sampled veggie burgers, and 25% had experience with soymilk (Soy foods USA e-mail newsletter). Mintel estimates 2001 sales of frozen and refrigerated meat _____ in food stores at nearly \$300 million, with soymilk sales nearing \$250 million.

1. Guesses, estimates, predicts, assumes
2. Saturating, saturation, saturated, saturate
3. Extreme, tremendous, minimal, limited
4. Users, consumers, clients, guests
5. Effectiveness, fruitfulness, usefulness, timeliness
6. Choices, sources, alternatives, preferences

Item 5:

By the Bronze Age drinking _____ were being made of sheet metal, primarily bronze or gold. However, the peak of feasting – and in particular, of the “political” type of feast came in the late Hallstatt period (about 600 – 450 BC), soon after the foundation of the Greek _____ of Massalia (Marseille) at the mouth of the Rhine. From that date on, the blood of the grape began to make its _____ north and east along major river systems together with imported metal and ceramic drinking vessels from the Greek world. _____ was thus added to the list of mood altering beverages – such as an ale available to establish social networks in Iron Age Europe. Attic pottery fragments found at hillforts such as Heuneburg in Germany and luxury goods such as the monumental 5th century Greek bronze krater (or wine mixing vessel) found at Vix in Burgundy supply archaeological evidence of this interaction. Organic _____ such as leather or wooden wine barrels may also have traveled north into Europe but have not survived. It is unknown what goods were _____ in return, but they may have included salted meat, hides, timber, amber and slaves.

1. Vests, vehicles, vectors, vessels
2. Colony, territory, settlement, occupation
3. Method, way, direction, pace
4. Food, Milk, Wine, Grape
5. Containers, places, holders, bottles
6. Purchased, bought, traded, exchanged

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

The text boxes in the left panel have been placed in a random order. Restore the original order by marking it in the correct order.

Item 1:

- A. To find out if sea life is as diverse as land life, some biologists started to do research.
- B. They had spent 3 years counting all living beings that they could count.
- C. The range is extremely wide, from those in history to the ones in restaurants.
- D. This complicated analysis was published in a journal.

Item 2:

- A. In the last few years, we started to connect everyday objects using machine-to-machine (M2M) technologies, to create the internet of things.
- B. Decades ago, we connected computers and got today’s powerful internet.
- C. But what does this really mean to you, your company and your country?
- D. What are the possibilities offered, and the threats it poses?

Item 3:

- A. The movement also creates gaps in tectonic plates, which reduce the mantle beneath.

- B. This leads the tectonic plate on top to slowly jostle one another.
- C. Mantle makes up 84 percent of Earth's volume, and though it's solid rock, over the course of millions of years, it behaves like a liquid.
- D. The buildup and sudden release of friction from this movement can cause earthquakes.

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

In the text below some words are missing. Pick words from the box below to the appropriate place in the text.

Item 1:

Language comes so naturally to us that it is easy to forget what a strange and miraculous gift it is. All over the world members of our _____ fashion their breath into hisses and hums and squeaks and pops and listen to others do the _____. We do this, of course, not only because we like the sounds but because details of the sounds contain information about the _____ of the person making them. We humans are fitted with a means of _____ our ideas, in all their unfathomable vastness. When we listen to speech, we can be led to think thoughts that _____ never been thought before and that never would have _____ to us on our own.

have occurred intentions sharing species same

Item 2:

The supply of a thing, in the phrase "supply and demand." Is the amount that will be _____ for sale at each of a _____ of prices; the demand is the amount that will be bought at each of a series of prices. The principle that value depends on supply and demand means that in the case of nearly every commodity, more will be bought if the price is lowered, less will be bought if the price is _____. Therefore, sellers, if they wish to induce buyers to take more of a commodity than they are already doing, must reduce its price; if they raise its price, they will sell less. If there is a general fall in demand – due, say, to trade depression – sellers will _____ have to reduce prices or put less on the market; they will not be able to sell the same amount at the same price. Similarly, with supply. At a certain price a certain amount will be offered for sale, at a higher price more will be offered, at a lower price less. If consumers want more, they must offer a higher price; if they want less, they will probably be able to force prices down. That is the first _____ of a change in demand or supply.

offered

raised

series

either

result

Item 3:

The American cabinet, unlike the British, has no connection with the legislature, and this lack of _____ between executive and legislature is one of the _____ features of the American federal government. It came as a reaction against George III's very intimate relations with the House of Commons. The constitution guarded _____ executive control through "place –men by _____ federal officials.

against

distinctive

disqualifying

coordination

Item 4:

In the process of studying these techniques, I learned something _____: that there's far more potential in our _____ than we often give them credit for. I'm not just talking about the fact that it's possible to memorize lots of _____ using memory techniques. I'm talking about a lesson that is more _____, and in a way much bigger: that it's possible, with training and hard work, to teach oneself to do something that might seem really _____.

remarkable

general

minds

information

difficult

Sample Answers

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Irresistible
2. Colleagues
3. Origins
4. Results

Item 2:

1. Interact
2. Related
3. Strike
4. Awkward
5. Gifts
6. Painful

Item 3:

1. Demand
2. Whether
3. Further

Item 4:

1. Estimates
2. Saturated
3. Tremendous
4. Consumers
5. Effectiveness
6. Alternatives

Item 5:

1. Vessels
2. Colony
3. Way
4. Wine
5. Containers
6. Traded

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

Item 1:

ABCD

Item 2:

BACD

Item 3:

CBDA

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Species
2. Same
3. Intentions
4. Sharing
5. Have
6. Occurred

Item 2:

1. Offered
2. Series
3. Raised
4. Either
5. Result

Item 3:

1. Coordination
2. Distinctive
3. Against
4. Disqualifying

Item 4:

1. Remarkable
2. Minds

3. Information
4. General
5. Difficult