

PTE Reading Practice Test 7

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:

In 2001 he received the SIUC Outstanding Scholar Award. In 2003 he received the Carski Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching from the American Society for Microbiology. Mike's research is _____ on bacteria that inhabit _____ environments, and for the past 12 years he has studied the microbiology of permanently ice-covered lakes in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica. In addition to his research papers, he has edited a major _____ on phototrophic bacteria and served for over a decade as chief editor of the _____ Archives of Microbiology. He currently serves on the editorial board of Environmental Microbiology. Mike's non-scientific _____ include forestry, reading, and caring for his dogs and horses. He lives _____ a peaceful and quiet lake with his wife, Nancy, five shelter dogs (Gaino, Snuffy, Pepto, Peanut, and Merry), and four horses (Springer, Feivel, Gwen, and Festus).

1. Shifted, moved, focused, scoped
2. Bad, negative, extreme, rigid
3. Story, review, treatise, journal
4. Magazine, quote, newspaper, journal
5. Majors, jobs, interests, undertakings
6. Along, around, beside, near

Item 2:

The horned desert viper's ability to hunt at night has always puzzled biologists. Though it lies with its _____ buried in the sand, it can strike with great precision as soon as prey appears. Now, Young and physicists Leo van Hemmen and Paul Friedel at the Technical University of Munich in Germany have developed a computer _____ of the snake's auditory _____ to explain how the snake "hears" its _____ without really having the ears for it. Although the vipers have internal _____ that can hear _____ between 200 and 1000 hertz, it is not the sound of the mouse scurrying about that they are detecting. "The snakes don't have _____ eardrums," says van Hemmen. "So unless the mouse wears boots and starts stamping, the snake won't hear it."

1. Hand, head, chest, feet
2. Model, type, module, style
3. System, appliance, tools, applications

4. Voice, song, prey, shout
5. Ears, eardrums, eyes, eyeballs
6. Sounds, frequencies, voices, quantity
7. Internal, external, viral, outer

Item 3:

The space work for an astronaut can be inside or _____, inside they can monitor machines and the work is _____ out alongside the craft. They also need to make sure the Space _____. _____ the craft, they can see how the seeds react in the space. Some seed companies send seeds to them to _____ how seeds change their biological character. When outside the craft, they can _____ experiments or clean up the space rubbish.

1. Foreign, external, outside, excel
2. Practiced, carried, given, set
3. Suit, Travel, Tribe, Station
4. Out, Outward, Outside, Outdoors
5. Escalate, estimate, inspect, investigate
6. lie down, shake off, put aside, set up

Item 4:

A dog may be man's best friend. But man is not always a dog. Over the centuries _____ breeding has pulled at the canine body shape to produce what is often a grotesque distortion of the underlying wolf. Indeed, some of these distortions are, when found in people, regarded as _____. Dog breeding does, though, offer a chance to those who would like to understand how body shape is controlled. The ancestry of pedigree pooches is well recorded, their generation time is short and their _____ size reasonably large, so there is plenty of material to work with. _____, breeds are, by definition, inbred, and this simplifies genetic analysis. Those such as Elaine Ostrander, of America's National Human Genome Research Institute, who wish to identify the genetic basis of the features of particular pedigrees thus have an _____ experimental animal.

1. Excellent, excessive, selective, scrupulous
2. Diseases, epidemics, pathologies, medications
3. Brood, household, litter, kin
4. Hence, However, Moreover, So
5. Representative, attainable, general, ideal

Item 5:

The contemporary ministerial staffing system is large, active and partisan - far larger and further evolved than any Westminster equivalent. Ministers' demands for help to cope with the

pressures of an increasingly competitive and professionalized political environment have been key drivers of the staffing system's development. But there has not been commensurate growth in _____ to support and control it. The _____ framework for ministerial staff is _____ and ad hoc.

1. Engagements, arrangements, instruments, enlightenments
2. Discussing, opposing, operating, selecting
3. Split, fragmented, pieced, merged

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. The material has been cataloged, cross-referenced and organized by date.
- B. There is, however, no search facility.
- C. This site contains a comprehensive listing of the works of Norbert Elias, a German sociologist.
- D. The site lists not only his published books and articles but also manuscripts and oral communications, in a variety of media and including reprints and translations

Item 2:

- A. During this time, I succeeded in learning to read and write.
- B. I had no regular teacher.
- C. In accomplishing this, I was compelled to resort to various stratagems.
- D. Mrs. Hugh, who had kindly consented to instruct me, had, in compliance with the advice and direction of her husband, not only ceased to instruct but had set her face against my being instructed by anyone else.
- E. I lived in Master Hugh's family for seven years.

Item 3:

- A. As manufacturing continues to shrink in an economy, overall growth will increasingly depend on boosting productivity in services.
- B. Protection and subsidies push just the wrong way.
- C. Policy should therefore focus on removing obstacles (such as trade barriers and regulation), to such productivity growth, and creating a labor market in which workers can move freely from factory employment to services.
- D. But those who would tackle this by subsidies or trade barriers are missing the Point.

- E. De-industrialization causes problems in economies unable to absorb the workers released by manufacturing.

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:

From the earliest civilizations, plants and animals have been portrayed as a means of understanding and recording their potential uses, such as their economic and healing properties, From the first _____ catalog of medicinal plants, De Material Medica by Dioscorides, in the first century, through to the late fourteenth century, the illustration of plants and animals changed very little. Woodcuts in instructional manuals and herbals were often repeatedly copied over the centuries, resulting in a loss of definition and accuracy so that they became little more than stylized decoration. With the growing _____ of copperplate engravings, the traditional use of woodcuts declined and the representation of plants and animals became more _____. Then, with the emergence of _____ such as Albrecht Durer and Leonardo Da Vinci, naturalists such as Otto Brunel's, Leonhard Fuchs in botany and Conrad Gesner and Ulises Aldrovandi in zoology, nature began to be _____ in a more realistic style, Individual living plants or animals were observed directly and their likeness _____ onto paper or vellum.

accurate *illustrated* *artists* *popularity* *rendered* *depicted*

Item 2:

Education is generally considered to be a key _____ in improving outcomes for Indigenous Australians, with many studies showing that improved _____ and socioeconomic status are directly _____ to educational participation and achievement. There are a range of issues _____ participation in education for Indigenous Australians, including _____ to educational institutions, financial constraints, and community expectations.

linked *health* *factor* *access* *affecting*

Item 3:

Chemistry is an extremely important topic in physiology. Most physiological processes occur as the _____ of chemical changes that occur within the body. These changes include the influx/efflux of ions across a neuron's membrane, causing a _____ to pass from one end to the other. Other examples include the _____ of oxygen in the blood by a protein as it _____ through the lungs for usage throughout the body.

<i>storage</i>	<i>signal</i>	<i>result</i>	<i>passes</i>
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Item 4:

Work-ready international students are providing greater options for local employers who are having difficulties finding local staff due to _____ employment rate and _____ labor shortages, International students in accounting and information technology take part in a year-long program consisting of classroom work and practical experience, which provides them with valuable skills, industry contacts and a working _____ of Australian workplaces.

<i>knowledge</i>	<i>ongoing</i>	<i>high</i>
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Sample Answers

Question 1 : Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Focused
2. Extreme
3. Treatise
4. Journal
5. Interests
6. Beside

Item 2:

1. Head
2. Model
3. System
4. Prey
5. Ears
6. Frequencies
7. External

Item 3:

1. Outside
2. Carried
3. Travel
4. Outside
5. Investigate
6. Set up

Item 4:

1. Selective
2. Pathologies
3. Litter
4. Moreover
5. Ideal

Item 5:

1. Arrangements
2. Operating

3. Fragmented

Question 2 : Re-Order Paragraphs

Item 1:

CDAB

Item 2:

EACBD

Item 3:

EDACB

Question 3 : Reading - Fill In The Blanks

Item 1:

1. Illustrated
2. Popularity
3. Accurate
4. Artists
5. Depicted
6. Rendered

Item 2:

1. Factor
2. Health
3. Linked
4. Affecting
5. Access

Item 3:

1. Result
2. Signal
3. Storage
4. Passes

Item 4:

1. High
2. Ongoing
3. Knowledge