

PTE Reading Practice Test 11

Question Types: Reading & Writing : Fill In The Blanks

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

Sample 1 :

The first section of the book covers new modes of assessment. In Chapter 1, Kimbell (Goldsmith College, London) responds to _____ of design programs as formalistic and conventional, stating that a focus on risk-taking rather than hard work in design innovation is equally problematic. His research contains three parts that include preliminary exploration of design innovation qualities, investigation of resulting classroom practices, and development of evidence-based assessment. The assessment he describes is presented in the form of a structured worksheet, which includes a collaborative _____ and digital photographs, in story format. Such a device encourages stimulating ideas, but does not recognize students as design _____. The assessment sheet includes holistic impressions as well as details about “having, growing, and proving” ideas. _____ judgments are evident in terms such as “wow” and “yawn” and reward the quality and quantity of ideas with the term, “sparkiness”, which fittingly is a pun as the model project was to design light bulb packaging. In addition, the assessment focuses on the process of optimizing or complexity control as well as proving ideas with thoughtful criticism and not just generation of novel ideas. The definitions for qualities such as “technical” and “aesthetic” pertaining to users, are too narrow and ill defined. The author provides _____ of the project, its features and structures, students’ notes and judgments, and their sketches and photographs of finished light bulb packages, in the Appendix.

1. Praise, results, criticisms, compliments
2. Line, element, factor, figure
3. Makers, leaders, students, innovators
4. Colloquial, formal, traditional, subjective
5. Results, examples, themes, ideas

Sample 2:

HERIOT-WATT University in Edinburgh has become the first in Europe to offer an MBA in Arabic. Arab students will be able to sign up to study at a _____ for the business courses in their own language. The Edinburgh Business School _____ the project at a reception in Cairo on Saturday. It is hoped the course will improve links between the university and the Arab business world. A university spokeswoman said: "The Arabic MBA will _____ the profile of Heriot-Watt University and the Edinburgh Business School among businesses in the Arabic speaking world and will create a strong network of graduates in the

_____." The first _____ of students is expected later this year. Professor Keith Lumsden, director of Edinburgh Business School, said: "Arabic is a major global language and the Arab world is a centre for business and industrial development. We are proud to work with Arab International Education to _____ the demands of the region."

1. Distance, discount, distribution, level
2. Announced, convinced, declared, suggested
3. Raise, rise, bring, strengthen
4. Local, region, place, size
5. Enroll, group, intake, season
6. meet, increase the reputation, improve the economy, promote the language

Question Types: Re-order Paragraphs

Several text boxes appear on the screen in a random order. Put the text boxes in the correct order.

Sample 3:

- A. This evidence suggests that it's the mental drain of the cell phone conversation, and not simply holding or operating the cell phone, that impairs driving skills.
- B. But it has also placed us in the unique position of being able to destroy ourselves.
- C. Science and technology have had a major impact on society, and their impact is growing. By drastically changing our means of communication, the way we work, our housing, clothes, and food, our methods of transportation.
- D. A new study suggests that doing things that require thinking—like talking on a cell phone—could in fact be stealing your attention away from the road.

Question Type: Reading Fill in the Blanks

The text appears on a screen with several gaps in it. Drag words from the box below to fill the gaps.

Sample 4:

One of the characteristics of 'good' information identified earlier was that it should be 'balanced'. In an _____ world, 'objective' or 'balanced' information would present all the evidence for and against, and leave you to weigh this up and draw _____. In the real world, however, we recognize that all information presents a position of interest, although this may not necessarily be intentional. Objectivity may therefore be an unachievable ideal. This means that the onus is on you as the reader and user of the information to develop a _____ awareness of the positions represented in what you read, and to take _____ of this when you interpret the information. In some cases, authors may _____ express a particular viewpoint – this is perfectly valid as long

as they are open about the perspective they represent. Hidden bias, whether or not it is _____, can be misleading.

Options: deliberate, explicitly, account, critical, conclusions, ideal.

Sample 5:

The Alpine Newt is native to much of central, continental Europe and _____ up the coasts of northeast France through to Holland but it does not _____ to have been native to the British Isles. As its name _____ it can be found in montane habitats up to 2,500 metres in _____ but it can also be abundant in lowlands, and it will use a _____ of water-bodies including both shallow and deep ponds and slow flowing streams (Griffiths, 1995).

Options: suggests, appear, variety, altitude, occurs.

Answers:

Sample 1:

1. Criticism
2. Element
3. Innovators
4. Colloquial
5. Examples

Sample 2:

1. Distance
2. Announced
3. Raise
4. Region
5. Intake
6. Meet

Sample 3:

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Sample 4:

1. Ideal
2. Conclusions
3. Critical
4. Account
5. Explicitly
6. Deliberate

Sample 5:

1. Occurs
2. Appear
3. Suggests
4. Altitude
5. Variety