

PTE Reading Practice Test 12

Question Type: Re-order Paragraphs

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

Sample 1:

- A. Reaching it tests endurance, with miles of impermanent sand tracks to negotiate.
- B. It is held annually near Essakane, an oasis some 40 miles north-west of Timbuktu, the ancient city on the Niger River.
- C. The "Festival in The Desert" is a celebration of the musical heritage of the Touareg, a fiercely independent nomadic people.
- D. The reward of navigating this rough terrain comes in the form of a three-day feast of music and dance.

Sample 2:

- A. All animals have a strong exploratory urge, but for some it is more crucial than others.
- B. It depends on how specialized they have become during the course of evolution.
- C. If they have put all their effort into the perfection of one survival trick, they do not bother so much with the general complexities of the world around them.
- D. The non-specialists, however, the opportunists of the animal world, can never afford to relax.
- E. So long as the anteater has its ants and the koala bear is gum leaves, then they are satisfied and the living is easy.

Sample 3:

- A. I think we should be wary of the reporting of science - it is often over-dramatized in order to secure an audience - but not of science itself.
- B. While there may be the extremely rare example of scientific dishonesty (which will be seized upon by the news organisations), the role of science within modern society remains valuable.
- C. All development will have a distaff side, but mobile phones can save lives: a 999 call from a remote location on a dark night.
- D. In other words I firmly believe that the development of science and the extension of understanding is a public good.
- E. I would not wish us to go back to the dark ages.

Sample 4:

- A. On numerous dates throughout the year, students, faculty, and staff can drop off their old equipment to be completely recycled nothing ends up in a landfill.

- B. The challenge didn't deter IU students, who persuaded the IT Services department to launch its Electronic Waste Collection Days program.
- C. Recycling electronic waste such as old computers, TVs, and monitors is a daunting challenge considering how much technology we all use today.
- D. Collection days netted more than 650,000 pounds of waste in 2010.

Sample 5:

- A. Human existence in the developed world is entirely dependent on some fairly recent developments in science and technology.
- B. It is a truism to say that in 21st century society science and technology are important.
- C. Whether this is good or bad is, of course, up for argument,
- D. But the fact that science underlies our lives, our health, our work, our communications, our entertainment and our transport is undeniable.

Answers:

Sample 1:

CBAD

Sample 2:

ABCED

Sample 3:

ABCDE

Sample 4:

CBAD

Sample 5:

BACD