

PTE Reading Practice Test 13

Question Type: 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 :

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Friday at 1845 GMT (1445 EDT), reaching orbit 9 minutes later. The rocket lofted an uncrewed _____ of SpaceX's Dragon capsule, which is designed to one-day carry both crew and cargo to orbit. This has been a good day for SpaceX and a _____ development for the US human space flight programme,' said Robyn Ringuette of SpaceX in a webcast of the launch. In a teleconference with the media on Thursday, SpaceX's CEO, Paypal co-founder Elon Musk, said he would consider the flight 100 percent successful if it reached _____. ' Even if we prove just that the first stage functions correctly, I'd still say that's a good day for a test,' he said. ' It's a great day if both stages work correctly.' SpaceX hopes to win a NASA _____ to launch astronauts to the International Space Station using the Falcon 9. US government space shuttles, which currently make these trips, are scheduled to _____ for safety reasons at the end of 2010.

1. setup, mockup, setting, base
2. promising, hopefully, rapid, encouraging
3. track, orbit, path, trajectory
4. trust, contract, support, arrangement
5. accelerate, launch, resign, retire

Sample 2:

English has been changing throughout its lifetime and it's still changing today. For most of us, these changes are fine as long as they're well and truly in the past. Paradoxically, we can be _____ about word origins and the stories behind the structures we find in our language, but we _____ a queasy distaste for any change that might be happening right under our noses. There are even language critics who are _____ that English is dying, or if not dying at least being progressively _____ through long years of mistreatment.

1. scared, cranky, worried, curious
2. have, with scare, deal, experience
3. satisfied, persuaded, reassured, convinced
4. crippled, lost, disabled, dented

Sample 3:

The most _____ ingredient in Indian cooking, the _____ element with which all dishes begin and, normally, the cheapest vegetable available, the pink onion is an essential item in the shopping basket of families of all classes. A popular saying holds that you will never starve because you can always afford a roti (a piece of simple, flat bread) and an onion. But in recent weeks, the onion has started to seem an unaffordable _____ for India's poor. Over the past few days, another sharp surge in prices has begun to unsettle the influential urban middle classes. The sudden spike in prices has been caused by large exports to neighbouring countries and a shortage of supply. With its capacity for bringing down governments and scarring political careers, the onion plays an explosive role in Indian politics. This week reports of rising onion prices have made front-page news and absorbed the attention of the governing elite.

1. Vital, impressive, affordable, ordinary
2. Simple, basic, great, only
3. Material, luxury, element, ingredients

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:

Since nutrition scientists are constantly making new discoveries, we need to revise our _____ for healthy eating from time to time. However, nutrition is an art as well as a _____. It's an art because it requires creativity to develop a healthy eating plan for people who differ in their food preferences, beliefs and culture, let alone in their nutritional needs according to their genes and life stage. As we discover more about how our genes and our environment _____, it's becoming increasingly difficult to provide a single set of dietary recommendations that will be _____ for everyone.

Options: recommendations, interact, science, suitable

Sample 5:

It would be reassuring to think that the electorate chooses who to vote for based on the candidates' track records and future policy promises. _____, many of us are swayed simply by the way that politicians look. Consider a 2009 study that asked Swiss students to look at multiple pairs of unfamiliar French political candidates and in each case to select the one who looked most competent. Most of the time, the candidate selected by students _____ looking the most competent was also the one who'd had real life electoral success, the implication being that voters too had been swayed by the candidates' appearance (there's little

evidence that appearance and competence actually _____).
Unsurprisingly, being attractive also helps win votes, especially in war time (in peacetime, looking trustworthy is more of an advantage). Other research has shown that we're more likely to vote for male and female candidates with deeper voices.

Options: In truth, as, correlate

Answers:

Sample 1:

1. Mockup
2. Promising
3. Orbit
4. Contract
5. Retire

Sample 2:

1. Curious
2. Experience
3. Convinced
4. Crippled

Sample 3:

1. Vital
2. Basic
3. Luxury

Sample 4:

1. Recommendations
2. Science
3. Interact
4. Suitable

Sample 5:

1. In truth
2. As
3. Correlate