

PTE Reading Practice Test 9

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 :

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 neighboring 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

Sample 2:

Our analysis of the genetic structure of northern spotted owls across most of the range of the subspecies allowed us to test for genetic discontinuities and identify landscape features that influence the subspecies' genetic structure. Although no _____ genetic breaks were found in northern spotted owls, _____ landscape features were important in structuring genetic variation. Dry, low elevation valleys and the high elevation Cascade and Olympic Mountains restricted gene flow, while the lower Oregon Coast Range _____ gene flow, acting as a 'genetic corridor.' The Columbia River did not act as a barrier, _____ owls readily fly over this large river. Thus, even in taxa such as northern spotted owls with potential for long distance dispersal, landscape features can have an important impact on gene flow and genetic structure.

1. distinct, resemble, obvious, assemble
2. few, several, much, many
3. hindered, embedded, enabled, facilitated
4. suggesting, demonstrating, telling, stating

Sample 3:

Progressive enhancement is a design practice based on the idea that instead of _____ for the least capable browser, or mangling our code to make a site look the same in every browser, we should provide a core set of functionality and information to all users, and then _____ enhance the appearance and behavior of the site for users of more capable browsers. It's a very productive development practice. Instead of _____ hours working out how to add drop shadows to the borders of an element in every browser, we simply use the standards-based approach for browsers that support it and don't even attempt to implement it in browsers that don't. After all, the users of older and less capable browsers won't know what they are missing. The biggest _____ to progressive enhancement is the belief among developers and clients that websites should look the same in every browser. As a developer, you can simplify your life and dedicate your time to more interesting challenges if you let go of this outdated notion and embrace progressive enhancement.

1. building, creating, designing, establishing
2. moderately, progressively, gently, gradual
3. taking, take, spending, spend
4. challenge, opportunity, issue, risk

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

Sample 4:

Dance has played an important role in many musicals. In some _____, dance numbers are included as an excuse to add to the colour and _____ of the show, but dance is more _____ when it forms an integral part of the plot. An early example is Richard Rodgers On Your Toes (1936) in which the story about classical ballet meeting the world of jazz enabled dance to be introduced in a way that enhances, rather than _____ the drama.

Options: spectacle, cases, effective, interrupts

Sample 5:

In search of lessons to _____ in our own careers, we often try to emulate what effective leaders do. Roger Martin says this focus is misplaced, because _____ that work in one context may make little sense in another. A more productive, though more difficult, _____ is to look at how such leaders think.

Options: Approach, moves, apply

Answers:

Sample 1:

1. Vital
2. Basic
3. Luxury

Sample 2:

1. Distinct
2. Several
3. Facilitated
4. Suggesting

Sample 3:

1. Designing
2. Progressively
3. Spending
4. Challenge

Sample 4:

1. Cases
2. Spectacle
3. Effective
4. Interrupts

Sample 5:

1. Apply
2. Moves
3. Approach