

## PTE Reading Practice Test 1

### Sample 1:

#### 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.***

Smiling happens without much thought. When you watch a friend do something silly or embarrassing, you smirk. When a police officer lets you off without a ticket, you \_\_\_\_ (frown, grumble, grin, meditate). And when you are recognized for your top performance in academics or at work, you beam. Smiling is a very natural response that shares our happiness with others.

But did you know that smiling also triggers activity in your brain? Yes, there's a serious mind-body \_\_\_\_ (mystery, solution, connection, trick) there, in your left frontal cortex to be exact, which is—not surprisingly—the area of your \_\_\_\_ (emotion, heart, brain, feelings) that registers happiness. It turns out that the simple act of smiling sends a message to your brain that you're happy. And when you're happy, your body pumps out all kinds of feel-good endorphins. Research shows that smiling is \_\_\_\_ (beneficial, internal, solitary, contagious).

### Sample 2:

#### Question Type: Multiple choice Multiple Answer

***After reading the text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting more than one response.***

Australia is a country for all seasons. You can do practically anything here, at any time of year. There are four seasons across most of the country and a wet and dry season in our tropical north. Summer in Australia, from December to February, is a great time to get outdoors. Swim Sydney's beaches or hike Tasmania's Overland Track. March to May heralds Australia's autumn, a season of fiery foliage in Canberra and the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne.

Australia's winter, from June to August, offers snow skiing in the Australian Alps. Alternatively, take a winter sun holiday. Snorkel in the temperate Great Barrier Reef or 4WD through South Australia's Simpson Desert. Spring in Australia, from September to November is the time to watch for whales and wildflowers as you explore the wineries of Western Australia's Margaret River region. In tropical Australia, the dry season from May to October has clear blue skies and sunny days. It's the time to experience Darwin's vibrant outdoor markets, movies and festivals. December to March is the wet season, which is hot and humid with daily rainstorms. See waterfalls thunder through Litchfield and Kakadu National Parks or fly over Katherine Gorge when its water levels are highest.

Which of the following statements are true about Australia?

- a) The hottest time of the year is from December to February.
- b) Australia has two seasons a wet season and a dry season.
- c) The best time to whale watching are the months after November.
- d) Daily Rainstorms are frequent throughout the year.
- e) Darwin's vibrant outdoor markets are best experienced in the dry season.

**Sample 3:**

**Question Type: Re-order Paragraphs**

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

- A. That has been the recipe for private-equity groups during the past 200 years.
- B. Add some generous helpings of debt, a few spoonfuls of management incentives and trim all the fat.
- C. Leave to cook for five years and you have a feast of profits.
- D. Take an underperforming company.

**Sample 4:**

**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.***

The Enron scandal, which was \_\_\_\_\_ in October 2001, \_\_\_\_\_ led to the bankruptcy of the Enron Corporation, a US \_\_\_\_\_ Energy Company in Houston, Texas.

**Options:** hidden, exposed, eventually, based, randomly

**Sample 5:**

**Question Type: Multiple choice Single Answer**

***After reading the text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting only one response.***

Until the end of his first year at school, Cyril retained many of the pleasures and pursuits he had brought with him from home, and he kept an old interest in butterflies and fossils. His grandmother had presented him with a fine bird's eggs cabinet, but he could never bring himself to risk in climbing trees. Once or twice he dissected dead birds from sheer determination to overcome his horror of the operation. Probably it was his envy of those physically unlike himself that brought on a phase during which he drew massive athletes with thick necks and square shoulders. Again he was pitying himself for what he could never be.

Cyril dissected dead birds

- A.to see if he would like to become a doctor
- B.to please his grandmother
- C.because he enjoyed performing operations.
- D.to overcome the fear of act

## **Answers**

### **Sample 1:**

Grin, connection, brain, contagious

### **Sample 2:**

A and E

### **Sample 3:**

DBCA

### **Sample 4:**

exposed, eventually, based

### **Sample 5:**

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