

PTE Academic 20 Questions Type

Task View

PART 1 Speaking and Writing

🕒 77-93 MINUTES

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Describe Image
Re-Tell Lecture
Answer Short Question
Summarize Written Text
Write Essay

PART 2 Reading

🕒 32-40 MINUTES

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Multiple Choice, Choose Multiple Answers
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Multiple Choice, Choose Single Answer

PART 3 Listening

🕒 45-57 MINUTES

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Read Aloud

Look at the text below. In 30 seconds, you must read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible. You have 30 seconds to read aloud.

Recorded Answer

Current Status

Beginning In 19 Seconds.

The uniquely scented flavour of vanilla is second only to chocolate in popularity on the world's palate. It's also the second most expensive spice after saffron. But highly labour-intensive cultivation methods and the plant's temperamental life cycle and propagation mean production on a global scale is struggling to keep up with the increasing demand for the product.

Repeat Sentence

You will hear a sentence. Please repeat the sentence exactly you hear it. You will hear the sentence only once.

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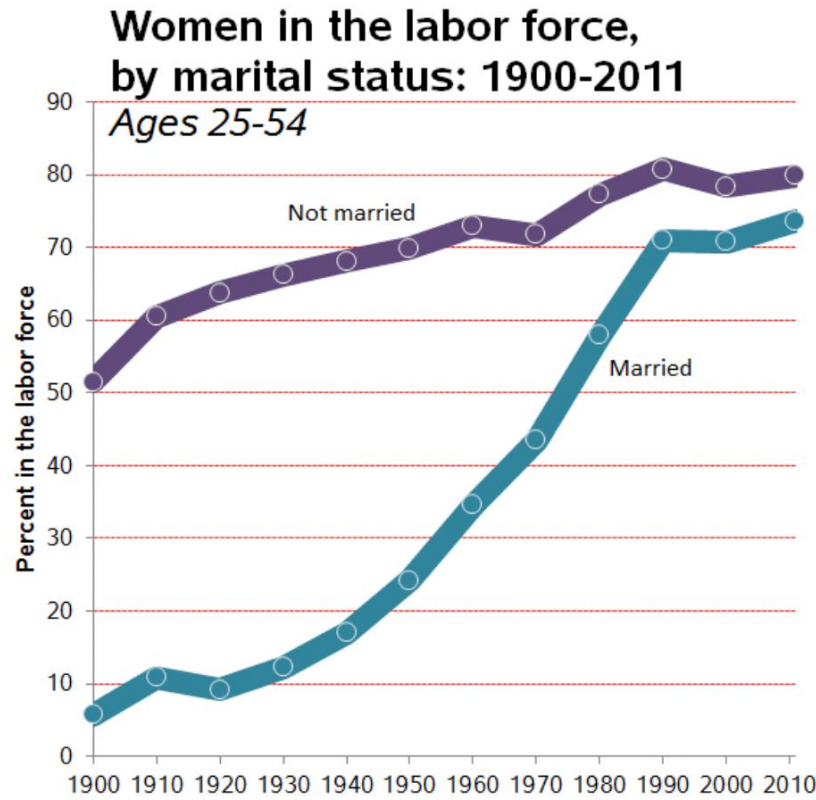


Recorded Answer

Current Status
Beginning In 1 Seconds.

Describe Image

Look at the image below. In 25 seconds, please speak into the microphone and describe in detail what the image is showing. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.



Recorded Answer

Current Status
Beginning In 14 Seconds.

Re-Tell Lecture

You will hear a lecture. After listening to the lecture, In 10 seconds, please speak into the microphone and retell what you have just heard from the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

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Recorded Answer

Current Status

Beginning In 69 Seconds.

Answer Short Question

You will hear a sentence. Please give a simple and short answer. Often just one or a few words is enough.

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**Recorded Answer**

Current Status

Beginning In 4 Seconds.

Summarize Written Text

Read the passage below and summarize it using one sentence. Type your response in the box at the bottom of the screen. You have 10 minutes to finish this task. Your response will be judged on the quality of your writing and on how well your response presents the key points in the passage.

Males do the singing and females do the listening. This has been the established, even cherished view of courtship in birds, but now some ornithologists are changing tune. László Garamszegi of the University of Antwerp, Belgium, and colleagues studied the literature on 233 European songbird species. Of the 109 for which information on females was available, they found evidence for singing in 101 species. In only eight species could the team conclude that females did not sing? Females that sing have been overlooked, the team says, because their songs are quiet, they are mistaken for males from their similar plumage or they live in less well studied areas such as the tropics. Garamszegi blames Charles Darwin for the oversight. “He emphasised the importance of male sexual display, and this is what everyone has been looking at.” The findings go beyond modern species. After carefully tracing back an evolutionary family tree for their songbirds, Garamszegi’s team discovered that, in at least two bird families, singing evolved in females first. They suggest these ancient females may have been using their songs to deter other females from their territories, to coordinate breeding activities with males, or possibly to attract mates. “It leaves us with a perplexing question,” says Garamszegi. “What evolutionary forces drove some females to give up singing?”

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Essay

You will have 20 minutes to plan, write and revise an essay about the topic below. Your response will be judged on how well you develop a position, organize your ideas, present supporting details, and control the elements of standard written English. You should write 200-300 words.

Large shopping malls are replacing small local shops in cities and towns. In your own experience, is it a positive development?

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Reading and Writing: Fill in the Blanks

Below is a text with blanks. Click on each blank, a list of choices will appear. Select the appropriate answer choice for each blank.

Uniquely stable, they seemed to participate in no chemical reactions. But by the stability of the noble gases, physicists discovered the key to chemical bonding . Dmitri Mendeleev added the noble gases to his periodic table in 1902, where he arranged the elements in rows and columns to their atomic weight. Mendeleev was able to see repeating (or periodic) patterns in their properties. The noble gases appeared in the periodic table, occurring in every eighth position, at least amongst the lighter elements.

Multiple Choice, Choose Multiple Answers

Dennett recognizes that all human minds are shaped not only by natural selection but by enormous cultural influences which effectively redesign our minds. He invites us to think of the conscious mind as consisting of those mental contents that win in competition against other mental contents in the battle for control of behavior. What we are is the “organization of all the competitive activity between a host of competences” that our bodies have developed. Consciousness is defined by what a mind can do – whether it can concentrate, be distracted, recall earlier events, keep track of a number of things at once etc. Dennett urges us to resist the temptation to imagine animals as accompanying their clever activities with streams of reflective consciousness as we would. We may not know that they do not, but we certainly cannot assume that they do. He notes that the more we learn about clever activities in animals and how they are accomplished, the less the processes in their brains seem to resemble the thoughts we imagined were doing the work.

According to Dennett, the mind displays which of the following characteristics?

Read the text and answer the question by selecting all the correct responses. You will need to select more than one response.

- Our minds are not shaped by cultural influences.
- Our minds are shaped by natural selection.
- Our conscious mind tries to control our behaviors.
- A mind cannot concentrate or cannot be distracted.
- Animals make decisions based on their conscious minds.

Re-Order Paragraphs

The text boxes in the left panel have been placed in a random order. Restore the original order by dragging the text boxes from the left panel to the right panel.

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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.

All animals have a strong exploratory urge but for some it is more crucial than others.

The non-specialists, however, the opportunists of the animal world, can never afford to relax.

So long as the ant eater has its ants and the koala bear is gum leaves, then they are satisfied and the living is easy.

It depends on how specialised they have become during the course of evolution.



Reading: Fill in the Blanks

In the text below some words are missing. Drag words from the box below to the appropriate place in the text. To undo an answer choice drag the word back to the box below the text.

First impressions based on facial appearance predict many important social outcomes. We investigated whether such impressions also influence the communication of scientific findings to lay audiences, a process that public beliefs, opinion, and policy. First, we the traits that interest in a scientist's work, and those that create the impression of a "good scientist" who does high-quality research. Apparent competence and morality were positively related to both interest and quality judgments, attractiveness boosted interest but decreased perceived quality. Next, we had members of the public choose real science news stories to read or watch and found that people were more likely to choose items that were paired with "interesting-looking" scientists, especially when selecting video-based communications. Finally, we had people read real science news items and found that the research was judged to be of higher quality when with researchers who look like "good scientists." Our findings offer insights into the social psychology of science, and indicate a source of bias in the dissemination of scientific findings to broader society.

Multiple Choice, Choose Single Answer

Trade was the mainstay of the urban economy in the Middle East, as caravans negotiated the surrounding desert, restricted only by access to water and by mountain ranges. This has been so since ancient times, partly due to the geology of the area, which is mostly limestone and sandstone, with few deposits of metallic ore and other useful materials. Ancient demands for obsidian (a black volcanic rock useful for making mirrors and tools) led to trade with Armenia to the north, while jade for cutting tools was brought from Turkistan, and the precious stone lapis lazuli was imported from Afghanistan. One can trace such expeditions back to ancient Sumeria, the earliest known Middle Eastern civilization. Records show merchant caravans and trading posts set up by the Sumerians in the surrounding mountains and deserts of Persia and Arabia, where they traded grain for raw materials, such as timber and stones, as well as for metals and gems. Reliance on trade had several important consequences. Production was generally in the hands of skilled individual artisans doing piecework under the tutelage of a master who was also the shop owner. In these shops, differences of rank were blurred as artisans and masters laboured side by side in the same modest establishment, were usually members of the same guild and religious sect, lived in the same neighbourhoods, and often had assumed (or real) kinship relationships. The worker was bound to the master by a mutual contract that either one could repudiate, and the relationship was conceptualized as one of partnership.

According to the paragraph, why has trade been so important throughout the history of the Middle East

Read the text and answer the multiple-choice question by selecting the correct response. Only one response is correct.


- Frequent travel, due to limited water supplies in the Middle East, created many opportunities for trade with neighboring societies.
- Many useful and decorative raw materials cannot be found naturally in the Middle East but are available from neighboring regions.
- Growing conditions throughout the Middle East are generally poor, forcing Middle Eastern people to depend on imported grain.
- The rare and valuable metals and stones found in Middle Eastern deserts have always been in high demand in surrounding areas.

Summarize Spoken Text

You will hear a short lecture. Write a summary for a fellow student who was not present at the lecture. You should write 50-70 words.

You have 10 minutes to finish this task. Your response will be judged on the quality of your writing and on how well your response presents the key points presented in the lecture

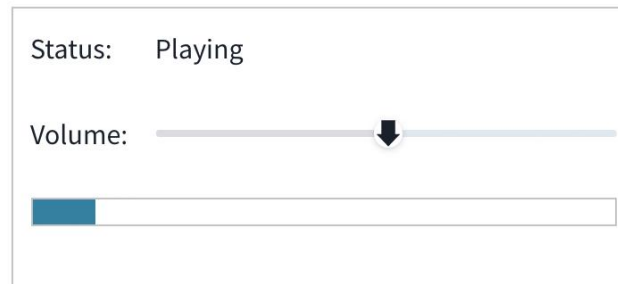
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Multiple Choice, Choose Multiple Answers

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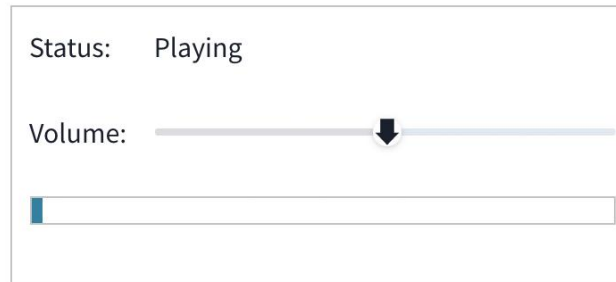


Which sounds could contribute to hearing loss?

- A jet engine at close range.
- People living near the airport and school
- A vacuum cleaner at close range.
- A conversation at close range.
- A rock band at close range.

Fill in the Blanks

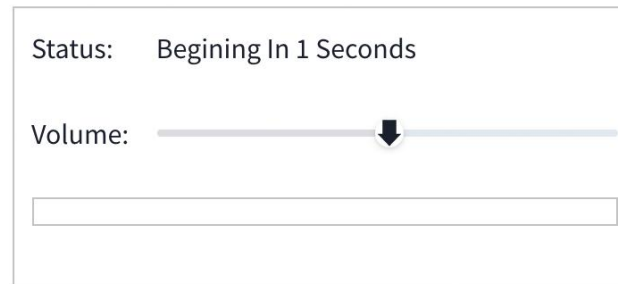
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What are the symptoms, the incubation period, which is the time taken from to the virus and development of symptoms is on average five to six days, but can range from one to 14 days? There can be a range of symptoms from very mild to severe. Some people may not develop symptoms. Common symptoms include fever, fatigue, and respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, and of breath. Some people reported loss of their sense of taste or smell, and some may develop a skin rash. In more severe cases, there could be pneumonia, organ , and sometimes death. About 80% of cases recover from the disease without needing special treatment. But there are some people who are at risk of serious illness. They include older people or people with medical problems, such as chronic respiratory disease, , diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or cancer.

Highlight Correct Summary

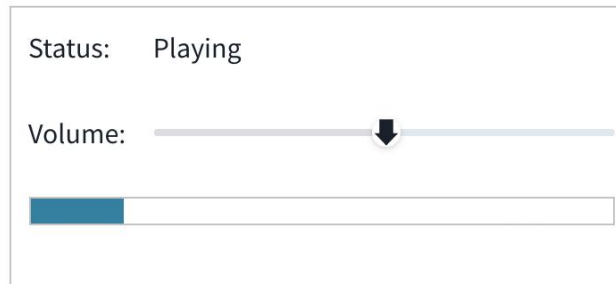
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- Jeans are popular across the world, and particularly the word spread quickly among manual labourers about these stylish pants, and soon Davis was receiving so many orders that he could not keep up with the demand. Davis wanted to patent his invention, but he could not afford the fee. This prompted him to call Levi Strauss to ask for money. This conversation gave rise to the famous brand of Levi's jeans. Levi's jeans were initially made in two types of fabric, and denim was softer and more comfortable with age.
- Everyone has their own pair of denim. Jeans have been produced in several different countries and now are popular in wardrobes worldwide. The same anthropologist surveyed people in hundreds of countries and noticed about half wear jeans every given day.
- Everybody has a favourite pair of denim in their wardrobe. Jeans have been produced in seven different countries and now are popular in wardrobes worldwide. Moreover, denim was a more comfortable cloth than silk which got much lighter with maturity.
- Jeans were invented in a small tailor's shop in the U.K. The anthropologist undertook polls of people that more than half wear jeans on every given day. Levi's jeans were established, and Strauss and Davis opened a small Levi's mall in San Francisco where Davis kept on running the business.

Multiple Choice, Choose Single Answer

Listen to the recording and answer the multiple-choice question by selecting the correct response. Only one response is correct.




What do students have to do to get good grades?

- They have to study more for the oral test.
- They must get a good score on the written test.
- They must study the handouts and actively participate in the class.
- Only class participation is important.

Select Missing Word

You will hear a recording. At the end of the recording the last word or group words has been replaced by a beep. Select the correct option to complete the recording.

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- leaves
- wood
- Spike
- metal

Highlight Incorrect Words

You will hear a recording. Below is a transcription of the recording. Some words in the transcription differ from what the speaker(s) said. Please click on the words that are different.

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For some people, this proposition may seem farfetched but ending poverty is both formally necessary and actually feasible. All of us must play a role in making it happen. All human beings want and have a right to live in dignity to determine our fowl destinies and to be respected by other, by other people. Despite the universality of these rights, our capacities to concrete them vary enormously and no dividing line is more preference and influencing the quality of our lives and the gulf between poverty and prosperity.

Write from Dictation

You will hear a sentence. Type the sentence in the box below exactly as you hear it. Writes as much of the sentence as you can. You will hear the sentence only once.

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