

PTE Listening Practice Test 12

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

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

Question 1

Hello, Professor Robert, what is your topic of discussion on this forum today? Thank you, George, today I would like to talk about the history of mining in the world economy. In fact, mining has been so crucial because of the materials it produces and technologies and tools that it enables that we even define the timelines of human history. Before agriculture began, we have the so-called, Paleolithic or Old Stone Age era. Stone was the main mining object for human activity. After the end of the last Ice Age and at the beginning of agriculture, about 10,000 years ago, we have the Neolithic era, the new Stone Age era. But then, over time, humanity living near mineral rich regions mastered the process of smelting metals. About 3000 B.C human race entered the Bronze Age, a massive leapfrog in human civilization with the smelting of copper, tin and the alloys that were produced creating new technologies, to make armaments and many other human tools. About 1000 B.C., homosepieans enter into Iron Age. Yet another crucial mineral, iron ore was smelted to production and small amounts of steel at least. And again, massive changes of civilization and technology came with this new mining industry, with this new mineral deposit. I would like to emphasize that the modern era which we usually date to the industrial revolution directly related the mining sector. The entire modern world, the modern world economy that came roughly around 1800 A.D onward is the fossil fuel age the age of coal, oil, and gas.

Which of the following statements are correct?

- A. According to the passage Old Stone Age, New Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Fossil Fuel Age is in correct chronological order.
- B. According to the passage Stone Age, Old Stone Age, Bronze age ,Iron Age and Coal Age is in correct chronological order.
- C. According to the passage Bronze Age, Coal Age Stone Age, Iron Age and Old Stone Age is in correct chronological order.
- D. According to the passage Paleolithic Age, Neolithic old Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Fossil Fuel Age is in correct chronological order.
- E. According to the passage IT Age, Fossil Fuel, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Coal Age is in correct chronological order.

Question 2

According to an agriculture expert a significant drop in fertiliser sales (urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and complexes fertiliser) during this year is attributed to 30% jump in pulses acreage, mandatory 100 per cent neem coating for both domestically manufactured and imported urea, and inadequate credit availability for farmers this season. Being leguminous plants, pulses can naturally fix atmospheric nitrogen, obviate any need for urea. By Preventing nitrogen losses due to leaching and volatilisation neem-coated urea ensures a slow release of nitrogen to the plant and enable crop to retain its greenness for a longer time .Crops need the fewer frequency of application of neem-coated urea compare to non-coated urea. The introduction of compulsory neem-coated urea has stopped illegal diversion of urea in plywood and melamine manufacturing sector. The diminished creditworthiness of farmer due to last two years' droughts and higher non-performing assets of public sector banks has led to lower credit flow to agriculture this year.

According to text drop in consumption of fertilizers is due to:

- A. Deficient monsoon.
- B. Lack of availability of credit.
- C. More acreage of pulses.
- D. Compulsory usage of neem coated urea.
- E. Diversion of urea to other industry.
- F. Use of organic manure by farmers.

Question 3

Jumping from a height of 31,000 feet from the plane can sound like lunatic for common person but for a jumper, it is thrilled and adventure. Today proliferation of extreme sports such as skydiving, mountaineering expeditions, river rafting, snorkeling, and jumping from the plane have created an unprecedented craze among youth. On the, on hand, extreme sports provide a thrill, excitement, adventure, and enable a person to break the monotony of routine life But on the other hand many people have suffered serious injuries or lost their life due to accidents or negligence during such expeditions. One thing is absolutely clear that extreme sports are not for all. Extreme sports are risky and must be conducted with adequate training under strict expert observation. Many times young impressible youth come under such influence and undertake such activities without proper preparation and expert guidance may lose their life. Chances are higher where sportspersons, who have undertaken these activities once, go the even higher level of the extreme sports such trend is dangerous for them. Thus, governments should make stringent laws regarding extreme sports, places of extreme sports, quality of equipment used in sports, eligibility of trainer and sports persons. Government must allow adventurous sports only

after ensuring proper physical fitness, training under expert and with full proof security at extreme sports site.

According to the text following statements are true:

- (A) Sport person must have proper physical fitness.
- (B) Sport person must be trained under expert.
- (C) Government must provide full-proof security to extreme sport site.
- (D) Anyone can venture extreme sports.
- (E) Only male sports person should be allowed to participate in adventurous sports.
- (F) Only female sport person should be allowed to participate in adventurous sports.

Question 4

If we look at the lives of successful people, they have overcome poverty and location related barriers in their lives through their strong willpower, sheer hard work, ethics, dedication and perseverance. It is clear from history that location is not stumbling block for successful people. Successful people attribute their success to immediate family, school, college, university, extended family, native village, native region, native state and homeland. Their sense of belonging to their roots drives them to share the fruits of success among their fellow citizen. During their journey to success, they face many difficulties in terms of the access road, primary education, primary healthcare, scholarship, drinking water and sanitation facility. When they reached their pinnacle of glory in their career, they realise how their own people are struggling with basic services and infrastructure. Out of empathy for their fellow citizens, they provide basic services such as community hall, schools building, water tank, libraries, colleges, primary and emergency health care, scholarship and skill building and Internet facility to their community. Such successful people are really blessing for their native land.

According to the author successful people contribute to their native land due to:

- A. Pecuniary reasons drive them to share their wealth for their brethren.
- B. Their empathy for their community motivates them to share success among their fellow citizens.
- C. Their sense of belonging to their roots drives them to share the fruits of success among fellow citizen.
- D. Their lust of fame drives them to share their wealth among fellow citizen.

E. To avoid income tax they contribute their wealth to their fellow citizens

F. To comply with corporate social responsibility act they donate their wealth to the community.

Question 5

Do you know what happens during a heart attack? The plaque which has been accumulating for many years obstructs the blood flow. You may notice it initially because coronary arteries expand to help in the blood flow. If the plaque in your coronary arteries gets ruptured its fatty portion become exposed. Blood clot happens because Platelets rush to plaque, the same process when we have a cut on our body. There is an obstruction in the blood flow which leads to the blood clot. The heart does not receive oxygen-rich blood flow, and the brain receives a signal about what's going on. You sweat, heart rate increases, and you feel weak. Our body starts to ache. There is immense chest pain which slowly crawls to other parts of the body. Heart patients have told the pain is like your heart is crushed between clamps.

What is correct during a heart attack?

A. Plaque is suddenly formed in the blood vessels.

B. There is an obstruction in the blood flow.

C. Only our heart aches.

D. The brain does not receive any signal.

Question 6

The recession is one factor which affected and may affect many people. There are many things we should not do during the recession. Never be a consignor, if the individual who took fails to repay during the recession, it is the consignor who must pay the loan. When you purchase a house, do not go for adjustable rate mortgage. This could be good in normal situations but during the recession, the interest rates may go up leading to increasing monthly EMI. Do not add up debts, it would be very during you lose a job, your monthly budget can go for a toss. Do not take your job for granted. During the recession, the process of laying off in large. People who do not respect their jobs would be the first targets. We may not be able to avoid recession, but, proper steps can at least make us stay away from bad situations.

What should we do during the recession?

A. We should not be a consignor.

B. We should take debts.

C. We should take our jobs for granted.

D. We should not go for adjustable rate mortgage.

Question 7

Hi. Great to see you! I'm Jody, and I'll be looking after both of you for the first month you're working here at the Amersham Theatre. I'll tell you something about the theatre now, then take you to meet two of the other staff. It's an old building, and it's been modernized several times. In fact, as you can see, we're carrying out a major refurbishment at the moment. The interior has just been repainted, and we're about to start on the exterior of the building - that'll be a big job. The work's running over budget, so we've had to postpone installing an elevator. I hope you're happy running up and down stairs! When the theatre was built, people were generally slimmer and shorter than now, and the seats were very close together. We've replaced them with larger seats with more legroom now. This means fewer seats in total, but we've taken the opportunity to install seats that can easily be moved, to create different acting spaces. We've also turned a few storerooms over to other purposes like using them for meetings.

Which changes have been made so far during the refurbishment of the theatre?

A) The outside of the building has been repaired.

B) An elevator has been installed.

C) Extra seats have been added.

D) A different type of seating has been installed.

E) Some room now have a different use.

F) A new meeting room has been built.

Question 8

So what I'm going to talk about to you today is something called Ethnography. This is a type of research aimed at exploring the way human cultures work. It was first developed for use in anthropology, and it's also been used in sociology and communication studies. So what's it got to do with business, you may ask. Well, businesses are finding that ethnography can offer them deeper insight into the possible needs of customers, either present or future, as well as providing valuable information about their attitudes towards existing products. And ethnography can also help companies to design new products or services that customers really want. Let's look at some examples of how ethnographic research works in business. One team of researchers did a project for a company manufacturing kitchen equipment. They watched how cooks used measuring cups to measure out things like sugar and flour. They saw that the cooks had to check and recheck the contents, because although the measuring cups had numbers inside them, the cooks couldn't see these easily. So a new design of cup was developed to overcome this problem, and it was a top seller.

According to the speaker, which of the following statements are correct?

- A) Ethnography is a type of research aimed at exploring how communication works,
- B) Ethnography can be used in business to investigate customer attitudes.
- C) Designing new products can help business to understand ethnographic research.
- D) It is better for cooks to use cups to measure out things like sugar and flour.
- E) How ethnography research works in business is illustrated by the use of a kitchen equipment.

Question 9

There are treasures of happiness all around us but the problem is that we only appreciate them when something terrible happens. Usually when we become sick we appreciate our health when we lose something we appreciate it more but we don't need to wait if we developed a habit of being grateful we can significantly increase our levels of happiness. Research by Robert Edmonds and Mike McAuliffe observed that people who kept gratitude journal each night where they wrote at least five things they're thankful for in life the results showed that these people are happier more optimistic more successful more likely to achieve their goals, physically healthier it strengthens our immune system and more generous to others. Keeping a gratitude journal is something that takes just three minutes a day but how significant positive results.

How can we significantly increase our level of happiness?

- A) We can develop a habit of being grateful.
- B) We can do some research on happiness.
- C) WE can keep a gratitude journal.
- D) We can achieve our goals.
- E) We can become physically healthier.
- F) We can become more generous to others.

Question 10

Employers want to get the best work out of their employees so they need to help them find some job satisfaction. Employers can challenge staff members by sending them new goals they can also offer development opportunities so staff can learn skills. It's a good idea to give positive feedback to staff when they complete tasks effectively this will make them feel valued. If a staff member is worried about an aspect of their job, the employers should make arrangements for that person to speak privately to a manager outside their team. This manager should try to

establish a good relationship with the staff member. Many employees see the positive side of the system by listening to the employees concerns & providing support they can quickly address the issue before it becomes too big to affect the work.

How can employers get the best work out of their employees?

- A) They can challenge staff members by setting them new goals.
- B) They can encourage employees to always see the positive side of things.
- C) They can encourage employees not to let an issue become too big.
- D) they should make sure employees speak to management about problems.
- E) They can try to get staff members to establish good relationships with each other.
- F) They can offer development opportunities to learn new skills.
- G) They can offer positive feedback and reinforcement to staff.