

PTE Listening Practice Test 13

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.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Question 1

A student credit card is a right for me and it can it helped me pay expenses such as online courses, music, language learning materials, or even a degree. Actually the answer might be yes or no depending on your circumstances, of course probably the best advice is to save up and then make purchases with cash unfortunately different online services often require a credit card. Here are some ideas for getting a credit card. First of all, obtaining a student credit card it's becoming easier and many companies are offering such cards to students in this growing market. From a student's perspective, it allows a person to pay for things online that can only be purchased on credit. Furthermore, it can help students build a good credit history that's often needed later for bigger purchases like a car, or a home. In spite of the advantages, students have to be careful because interest rates on cards are often higher and higher penalties are imposed if you failed to pay on time. Furthermore, students may spend will well beyond their means and end up in debt that they can't pay off.

What are the advantages of having a student credit card?

- A) Students can pay for online products and services
- B) It helps saving up cash
- C) Online learning material is cheaper when bought on credit
- D) It can build a good credit history to later buy a house
- E) Interest on the student credit card is high
- F) Companies are giving credit to students fairly easily.

Question 2

If you're starting your own business you probably need a mentor if you have a gap in your knowledge and experience, then mentoring will work very well for you. For example, you may have a great concept for business but need a bit of assistance to turn it into a successful venture. A mentor can provide you with a number of benefits: such as guidance on developing improving your business, help with position, particularly difficult ones, ideas for new products and services, also working practices that will improve your efficiency, tips for your business that are gained from practical experience, and access to a network of contacts with other business people. A business mentor can also help you to develop key business skills, improve your

problem-solving abilities, build confidence, and work on your personal development. If you decide that face-to-face business mentoring is right for you; the mentor-mentee should decide on the nature of the relationship.

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

- A) A mentor volunteers to help a new business person.
- B) A mentor can help you turn your idea into a successful business.
- C) A mentor can provide you with more confidence.
- D) A mentor can develop your communication skills.
- E) A mentor plays a different role from a consultant.
- F) A mentor can introduce you to a business network.

Question 3

For today's program I have selected three clocks from three different countries to share with you. I suppose the most famous clock has to be the Clock Tower at the North East end of the houses of Parliament in Westminster in London. Most people know it as Big Ben but it's actually only a nickname for the main bow rather than the clock itself. My next clock is very different and certainly a much smaller, you find it in the suburbs of Gastown in Vancouver in Canada it's known as the steam clock. It's based on an original design dating back to eighteen seventy-five but the clock itself is relatively new as it was only built and first in use in nineteen seventy-seven. Although it doesn't look like Big Ben but it does play the famous Westminster chimes every hour and every quarter-hour a loud whistle's sound so you won't have to wait long to hear it. Our last clock is in Tehran in Iran, very different from the others we have looked at because it's not in a tower on the building, it's called the Flower clock and it was built in two thousand and five and it's the largest of its type in the world, mechanisms controlled by a computer with a separate motto for each hand.

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

- A) Big Ben refers to the Steam Clock.
- B) Big Ben is the biggest bell all over the world.
- C) The Steam Clock was first used in 1875.
- D) One feature of the Steam Clock is whistle sounds on the quarter-hour.
- E) The Flower Clock is run by a computer.

Question 4

Well there are some very good classes for example there's learn salsa with Nina Ballina's team, it's an excellent form of exercise that's for both men and women. It's ideal for beginners and what they call refreshers. Then another class is called Smooth Movers it's with Kevin Bennett and it's for you if you don't have the same energy level as they used to when you were a teenager. Then there's a day called Art of the Forest with Jamie Graham who is an artist also with a background of the country ranger, for this day youngsters would definitely enjoy the bush walking and other outdoor activities. The next one is the Money Maze and this a series of talks by Peter O' Reilly, he gets advices on family finances and things like everything parents need to know about management costs bringing up children and there's a final example of what some offer there's Make a Play that's for eight to fourteen and this activity is such a hit and that it usually sells out within days of being announced

According to the speaker, which of the following classers are not for adults?

- A) Learn Salsa
- B) Smooth Movers
- C) Art of the forest
- D) The Money Maze
- E) Make a Play

Question 5

To join the library and take books out you need a membership card. Take your passport identity card as well as a proof of your home address to the information desk and you will be issued with a card. After a period of two years all readers are required to go to the desk with a document that has their name and current address on it so that the library can keep up to date records of where people are living. There is no need to show a passport again and there's no charge for the service but any lost card is charged at five dollars. If you can't find a book you want on the shelves, you can reserve, and if it's in any library in the city, we usually get it for you within a week. If someone else has borrowed it, it can take a few weeks. Either way we notify you by phone or email when the item is available to be picked, we will hold it for you for five days. Books can be borrowed for fourteen days and can be renewed for further two weeks. Children's books also have a two week ordering period, the same exist for CD ROMs and CDs but DVDs both children and adults can only be borrowed for up to seven days but it is impossible to renew them. Some reference books can be borrowed but normally only for one day so twenty-four hours.

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

- A) Library members have to pay for a new membership card after two years.

- B) All library members have to show proof of their current address after two years.
- C) If you reserve a book, you can collect it a week later.
- D) Children's DVDs can be borrowed for one week.
- E) CD-ROMs can be borrowed for 24 hours

Question 6

Getting invited to an interview means you have passed the first hurdle. Your application must have made a good impression. Now you need to prepare yourself for the interview to make sure you make most of this opportunity. There are a number of things you need to do. Firstly, you can do some research, find out about the employer and job offer, ask for an information pack, speak to people you know who work for a company. It is also crucial to give plenty of thought to what you're going to wear, this would depend on the job you're going for. There are also things you should avoid doing in an interview. First of all, don't exaggerate. For example, if you don't have the exact same experience as the employees, say no and explain you're willing to learn. Don't say simply yes and no and answer the questions as fully as you can. Lastly, don't forget to ask questions and answer as well though.

According to the speaker, which of the following statements are true at interviews?

- A) Being punctual is vital.
- B) Good manners are of importance.
- C) You need to give adequate responses.
- D) You need to be honest with the interviewer.
- E) You need to prepare for questions you might be asked

Question 7

Now the second great strand in the history of the west, is the Judaic Christian tradition, a very different tradition from the one I just described. Christianity's main roots were in Judaism, a religion that worship single all powerful deity, who is sharply separated from human beings, makes great moral demands upon them, and judge them all kings and emperors. Christianity began as persecuted religion that ultimately capture the roman empire only after centuries of hostility towards the empire, towards Rome, towards the secular state in general and it never lost entirely original character as an insurgent movement, independent of the state and hostile to it, making claims that challenge the secular authority. This too is unique to the west just like the Greek experience is unique, this kind of religious organization is to be found nowhere else in human society.

What does the author mention about Christianity?

- A) Christianity as main roots were in Judaism.
- B) Christianity began as a persecuted religion.
- C) Christianity started in the Roman Empire.
- D) Christianity was eventually accepted all around the world.
- E) Christianity was a religious organization in ancient Greece.

Question 8

I'm going to ask you this question, why are you here, that is to say why should you we all of us want to study these ancient Greeks? I think it's reasonable for people who are considering the study of a particular subject in a college course to ask why they show. What is it about the ancient between the years that I mentioned that deserves the attention of people in the twenty first century, I think the answer is to be found or at least once the truth is there are many instances and some of them is terribly interesting but that's very much of a, what's the word I want the opposite of objective, subjective observation by me, so I would say less objective one is that it comes from their position to say the position of the Greeks at the most significant starting point of western civilization, which is the culture the most powerful shapes not only the west but most of the world? Today it seems to me the evidence or whatever it's other characteristics the west has created institutions of government and law that provide I'm precedent freedom for people. It's also invented a body of natural scientific knowledge technological achievement that together make possible a level of health and material prosperity undreamed of in earlier times and unknown outside the west and those places that have been influenced. By the way, I think the Nobel prize laureate V S Naipaul, a man born in Trinidad of Indian parents, was right when they spoke of the modern world as our universal civilization shaped chiefly by the west.

What reasons for studying the ancient Greeks does the lecturer mention?

- A) The ancient Greeks are very interesting.
- B) The ancient Greeks provide for a subjective field of study.
- C) The ancient Greeks were very influential on the Western world.
- D) The ancient Greeks created institutions of government and law.
- E) The ancient Greeks had good technological achievements.

Question 9

Paragliding is a kind of flying, but instead of the wing being made of metal, wood or plastic, it is made of nylon or polyester. There are lots of schools, mainly based inland by appropriate hills or mountains, and there are also schools on the coast near spectacular cliffs. These are very attractive, though the prospect of landing in the sea seems to dissuade beginners! All schools will show you within a couple of days how to inflate the canopy, launch and land. They use radio instruction, tandem flying practice and schoolroom theory sessions to help you get the most from paragliding. It takes about seven days to get your basic license; then you're free to fly independently at sites across Australia. There's no upper age limit provided your instructor deems you capable, but the youngest anybody can paraglide is 14. You'll probably experience pain in some muscles you didn't know you had whilst learning, but many of those will be due to the walk up the training hill to launch. Flying a paraglider is a great sport. We hope to see you in the air with us this season!

According to the speaker, which of the following statements is true?

- A) Most paragliding schools are situated by the sea.
- B) Learners must pass a theory test in order to get their license.
- C) Learners are able to paraglide unaccompanied after a week as course.
- D) Fit people of any age can take up paragliding.
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