

PTE Writing Practice test 2

Question 1: 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.

Climate change impact on birds:

As warmer winter temperatures become more common, one way for some animals to adjust is to shift their ranges northward. But a new study of 59 North American bird species indicates that doing so is not easy or quick -- it took about 35 years for many birds to move far enough north for winter temperatures to match where they historically lived. The researchers used 35 years of data from the North American Christmas Bird Count to match winter temperatures to where birds were seen. They tested 59 bird species individually and found that they responded differently to climate change. When summarized across bird species, there was evidence for a strong delay lasting about 35 years. For example, black vultures have spread northward in the last 35 years and now winter as far north as Massachusetts, where the minimum winter temperature is similar to what it was in Maryland in 1975. On the other hand, the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker did not alter its range at all despite the warming trend, possibly because its very specific habitat requirements precluded a range shift. Both of these scenarios could represent problems for birds, La Sorte said. Species that do not track changes in climate may wind up at the limits of their physiological tolerance, or they may lose important habitat qualities, such as favored food types, as those species pass them by. But they also can't move their ranges too fast if the habitat conditions they depend on also tend to lag behind climate. If warming trends weaken, as they did over the past few years, birds may be able to catch up. But accelerated warming, which is likely as global carbon emissions continue to increase, may put additional strain on birds. The study highlights these challenges and the high potential climate change has for disrupting natural systems. It also underscores the challenges ecologists face in predicting the long-term consequences of climate change for many species simultaneously.

Question 2: Write 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 your position, organize your ideas, present supporting details, and control the elements of standard written English. You should write 200 - 300 words.

Some people said creativity is something a person was born with. Others thought creativity can be taught and developed. What's your opinion? Explain.

Sample Answers

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Due to warmer winters, some animals adjust to shifting their ranges northward. A study of 59 North American bird species indicates that it took about 35 years for many birds to move far north. Using 35 years of North American Christmas Bird Count data, researchers matched winter temperatures to where birds were sighted. For example, in the last 35 years, black vultures have moved northward, wintering as far north as Massachusetts. Species that do not track climate change risk wind up their limit to reaching their physiological tolerance limits, such as preferred food types, when other species that pass by. The study highlights these challenges

and the high potential climate change has for disrupting natural systems. It also highlights the difficulties ecologists confront in projecting the long-term effects of climate change on multiple species simultaneously.

Question 2: Write Essay

Creativity is the ability to think or behave differently from what others have done before and develop fresh and unique ideas or techniques. Some people think that creativity is a talent that is unique to each person and that they are born with. Others believe it can be learned and developed given enough time. In my opinion, any person can become an excellent achiever through guidance, dedication, and hard work. In the following paragraphs, I shall elaborate on my point of view in detail.

Creativity is often seen to be an unreachable attribute reserved for artists. It is the process of coming up with a fresh and breakthrough idea that is required to stay competitive. True innovation requires the ability to break new ground, which necessitates a considerable amount of work. We can all learn skills and techniques that enhance creativity and build environments that foster innovation.

Essentially, your knowledge fuels your imagination, which serves as the catalyst for transforming information into new ideas. With appropriate training and focused practice, anyone can increase their creativity, just as everyone can increase their musical or athletic ability.

However, it is believed that some people are naturally gifted, and they can master musical instruments or sports as if they had been taught for years. But, that is limited to a few rare cases. So, mostly, even though a person is born with a knack for something, he/she has to be trained. For instance, a four-year child cannot grasp the talent of singing in multiple voices like a professional singer. Hence, creativity is inherited, not learned.

In conclusion, we are all naturally creative and, like every other skill, some people have more natural talent than others. However, a person without a God-given ability can be perfect in everything he wants to accomplish if determined and passionate about it.