

PTE Reading Practice Test 8

Multiple Choice Choose Single Answer

Q: 1

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

Robert Cape is a name that has for many years been synonymous with war photography. Born in Hungary in 1913 as Friedman Endure Emo, Cape was forced to leave his native country after his involvement in anti-government protests. Cape had originally wanted to become a writer, but after his arrival in Berlin had first found work as a photographer. He later left Germany and moved to France due to the rise in Nazism. He tried to find work as a freelance journalist and it was here that he changed his name to Robert Cape, mainly because he thought it would sound more American. In 1936, after the breakout of the Spanish Civil War, Cape went to Spain and it was here over the next three years that he built his reputation as a war photographer. It was here too in 1936 that he took one of this most famous pictures, The Death of a loyalist Soldier

Cape went to Spain to:

- A. Fight in the civil war
- B. Build his reputation
- C. Write novels and reports
- D. Take photographs

Q: 2

I felt the wall of the tunnel shiver. The master alarm squealed through my earphones. Almost simultaneously, Jack yelled down to me that there was a warning light on. Fleeting but spectacular sights snapped into and out of view, the snow, the shower of debris, the moon, looming close and big, the dazzling sunshine for once unfiltered by layers of air. The last twelve hours before re-entry were particular bone-chilling. During this period, I had to go up in to command module. Even after the fiery re-entry splashing down in 810 water in south pacific, we could still see our frosty breath inside the command module.

Which one of the following reasons would one consider as more as possible for the warning lights to be on?

- A. There was a shower of debris.
- B. Jack was yelling.
- C. A catastrophe was imminent.
- D. The moon was looming close and big.

Q: 3

Harold a professional man who had worked in an office for many years had a fearful dream. In it, he found himself in a land where small slug-like animals with slimy tentacles lived on people's bodies. The people tolerated the loathsome creatures because after many years they grew into elephants which then became the nation's system of transport, carrying everyone wherever he wanted to go. Harold suddenly realised that he himself was covered

with these things, and he woke up screaming. In a vivid sequence of pictures this dream dramatised for Harold what he had never been able to put in to words; he saw himself as letting society feed on his body in his early years so that it would carry him when he retired. He later threw off the "security bug" and took up freelance work.

Which one of the following phrases best helps to bring out the precise meaning of 'loathsome creatures'?

- A. Security bug and slimy tentacles
- B. Fearful dream and slug-like animals
- C. Slimy tentacles and slug-like animals
- D. slug-like animals and security bug

Q: 4

Many countries around the world celebrate Earth Day. It is a day that is meant to raise awareness and appreciation about the Earth's natural environment. The first Earth Day was held in the USA. It was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in - a sort of general educational forum or seminar. That was on April 22, 1970. While this first Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week, an entire week of activities focused on environmental issues. In 2009, the United Nations designated April 22 International Mother Earth Day.

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

- A. Earth Day is currently harmonized globally by the Earth Day Network.
- B. Nelson took earth day to international level.
- C. Earth Week is focused on global warming.
- D. First Earth day was organized in the USA.

Q: 5

The world's oceans have warmed 50 percent faster over the last 40 years than previously thought due to climate change, Australian and US climate researchers reported Wednesday. Higher ocean temperatures expand the volume of water, contributing to a rise in sea levels that is submerging small island nations and threatening to wreak havoc in low-lying, densely-populated delta regions around the globe. The study, published in the British Journal Nature, adds to a growing scientific chorus of warnings about the pace and consequences rising oceans. It also serves as a corrective to a massive report issued last year by the Nobel-winning UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), according to the authors. Rising sea levels are driven by two things: the thermal expansion of sea water, and additional water from melting sources of ice. Both processes are caused by global warming. The ice sheet that sits atop Greenland, for example, contains enough water to raise world ocean levels by seven meters (23 feet), which would bury sea-level cities from

Dhaka to Shanghai. Trying to figure out how much each of these factors contributes to rising sea-levels is critically important to understanding climate change, and forecasting future temperature rises, scientists say. But up to now, there has been a perplexing gap between the projections of computer-based climate models, and the observations of scientists gathering data from the oceans. The new study, led by Katia Dominguez of the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research, is the first to reconcile the models with observed data. Using new techniques to assess ocean temperatures to a depth of 700 meters (2,300 feet) from 1961 to 2003, it shows that thermal warming contributed to a 0.53 millimeter-per-year rise in sea levels rather than the 0.32 mm rise reported by the IPCC.

The term Wreak Havoc means _____.

- A. Create Chaos
- B. Strengthen
- C. Marring
- D. Holocaust