

ATI TEAS 7 Reading Practice Test

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1. What source would be most useful in determining the reliability of Punxsutawney Phils predictions over a number of years?

On February 2 of each year, the United States observes the unusual holiday of Groundhog Day, a day of hope that winter is over and spring is beginning. This tradition has been officially observed in the U.S. since the 1800s, and is believed to have developed from European folk traditions in which a bear, fox, badger, or even hedgehog would serve as the symbolic meteorologist. Although other cultures and towns observe Groundhog Day (or something similar), the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania takes special pride in being home to the one true forecasting groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. At the turn of the twentieth century, townspeople formed the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club to perpetuate the joyful rituals and events surrounding Groundhog Day. Over the years, these events have come to include a scavenger hunt, a talent show, and a ball. Legend has it that on Groundhog Day the official weather forecasting groundhog awakens from hibernation and comes out of his burrow to look for his shadow. If he sees his shadow, six more weeks of winter are to come, and Punxsutawney Phil goes back to bed. However, if he does not see his shadow, Punxsutawney Phil takes this as a sign that spring has arrived, and he remains above ground. Of course, common sense tells us that February 2 is too early for spring to begin, and that while animals may be attuned to various elements of nature from which humans might learn, they are unlikely to act on their instincts based on a schedule set by a Gregorian calendar. Nevertheless, a visit to Pennsylvania to see Punxsutawney Phil and all of the fun he inspires each year might just provide the touch of hope needed to reach the end of winter.

- (A) A record of weather patterns in the last decade
- (B) A historical survey of customs in Pennsylvania
- (C) An encyclopedia entry on mammals in the northeast U.S.
- (D) A memoir from a member of The Groundhog Club

2. Which of the following statements from the passage offers evidence that female cicadas do not have tymbals attached to their abdomen?

What is all this talk of cicadas lately in the United States? You may be wondering why the media has featured it, but in fact, the discussion about Cicadas has emerged about as predictably as the Cicadas themselves from their underground refuge. Let's get oriented with some background on Cicadas. What is a Cicada? A typical definition will at least tell you that a cicada is a large, loud insect with transparent wings, mostly found in warm countries. A more detailed response might also inform you that cicadas have short antennae and wide-set eyes that jut out, with delicate, translucent wings- and not only is the cicada loud, but few creatures make a louder sound. In fact, it is male cicadas that are the noisy ones, to the tune of 80 to 100 decibels, which is like the roar of a loud engine. This is because male cicadas make a strident high buzzing by vibrating two membranes on its abdomen called tymbals, effectively turning its body into a kind of echo chamber or drum. Female cicadas cannot replicate the buzzing, though they respond with a clicking sound when they are ready to mate. Although there are several species of cicada, mating typically takes place in trees whereafter the female deposits the eggs into the bark. When the eggs hatch, the larval cicadas, called nymphs, drop to the ground and burrow. They then live as nymphs for the most of their lives over 6 feet underground, with both male and female cicadas dying within weeks of their emergence from the soil. This is particularly true for north American cicadas, especially the Magicicada, or periodical cicadas, which regularly emerge in intervals of 13 or 17 years, depending on the species and the location. This is why talk of cicadas in the media is as predictable as their emergence in the U.S.

- (A) "... the female deposits the eggs into the bark."
- (B) "Female cicadas cannot replicate the buzzing..."
- (C) "... the cicada is a large, loud insect..."
- (D) "... The male cicada makes a strident, high buzzing by vibrating two membranes on its abdomen called tymbals..."

3. Based on the author's supports and evidence, which of the following is a valid evaluation of the paragraph?

It can be difficult to write sometimes, especially if you are creating something brand new. It is even harder when you must write while following certain rules. Some writers thrive when there are limits, like sonnets or elegies; you can't just throw some words on the page and call it a haiku. On the other hand, some successful poets really enjoy breaking the rules. They will refuse to use the rules, if you can just break them and still so then what good are the rules, if you can just break them and still succeed? That doesn't make sense. I guess that is why I am not a poet.

- (A) It is a logical argument, proving that it is impossible to write well.
- (B) It is part of an essay discussing how poets develop their craft.
- (C) It is a scholarly analysis on the business of being a good writer.
- (D) It is an entertaining piece based on personal bias and opinion.

4. What historical events does the timeline reveal about Hungary during the specified period?

Hungarian Revolution Timeline

January 18, 1945: Budapest, Hungary, which had been controlled by Nazi Germany, falls to the Soviets.

1945-1955: Hungary is ruled by communist leaders installed by the Soviet government. Communist policies and a secret police force lead to great suffering for the Hungarian people.

October 23, 1956: A student-led peaceful protest of more than 200,000 demonstrators becomes violent after secret police fire on protesters.

October 24, 1956: Soviets appoint Imre Nagy as the Hungarian prime minister. He initiates reform and frees political prisoners.

October 25, 1956: Thousands of protesters assemble outside Parliament. The secret police fire into the crowd, and armed protesters fire back.

November 1, 1956: Nagy announces that Hungary has withdrawn from the Warsaw Pact, its political and military agreement with the Soviet Union.

November 4, 1956: Soviet forces attack Budapest. They quickly overwhelm the Hungarian freedom fighters. An estimated 250,000 Hungarians flee to other countries as refugees.

- (A) Hungary was under the control of both Nazi Germany and the Soviets.
- (B) The student-led protest turned violent.
- (C) The revolution started in 1945.
- (D) The Soviet attack on Budapest occurred on November 4th.

5. Which one of the following best paraphrases a key point of the passage?

Dear Mr. Wilson, I have a concern regarding the recent order we received from your company. Per our discussion last week, our company needs 500 units of pebbles for an event this coming Saturday. I'm afraid that in the shipment we just received at our headquarters there are only 250 units of pebbles. This is half the amount desired. Is this the only shipment that's scheduled to arrive, or will there be another? If the rest of the pebbles do not arrive by the end of the business week, then I will request a refund of half of the agreed upon payment. Please let me know what can be done about this. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Henry Garcia

- (A) Mr. Garcia requests that Mr. Wilson pay for the event this coming Saturday because the order was not shipped.
- (B) Mr. Garcia first ordered 250 units of pebbles from Mr. Wilson, but now he needs a total of 500 before the end of the week.
- (C) Mr. Garcia requests a partial refund if he does not receive the remainder of the order by the end of the week.
- (D) Mr. Garcia demands a refund from Mr. Wilson's company because of poor customer service.

6. Based on the passage, which of the following technological features might a visitor use to enhance their research experience at a modern library?

As libraries continue to evolve in the digital age, their offerings have expanded well beyond the traditional rows of books. Today's libraries are vibrant community hubs, well equipped with various technological tools that enhance the learning and research experience for visitors of all ages. Upon entering the modern library, visitors are often greeted by digital kiosks, where they can easily search the catalog, renew or reserve items, and find their way around the facility. Libraries have also adopted self-checkout machines, allowing patrons to borrow books, DVDs, and other materials without waiting in line. Moreover, many libraries now offer free access to computers and high-speed internet, making them invaluable resources for those who do not have such access at home. These computers are often equipped with software for word processing, graphic design, and even coding, providing an essential platform for completing school assignments, conducting job searches, or exploring new learning opportunities. In addition to these resources, some libraries have embraced cutting-edge technology such as 3D printers and virtual reality (VR) stations. These tools not only attract a younger demographic but also serve educational and creative purposes. For instance, patrons can use VR to virtually travel to historical sites or natural wonders, greatly enriching their understanding of diverse subjects. Lastly, most libraries also offer technology-oriented classes and workshops, which can range from basic computer skills for seniors to advanced coding camps for teens. These programs are often led by knowledgeable staff members or special guests who are experts in their fields, thereby fostering a learning environment that helps bridge the digital divide and prepares community members for the future. By integrating these technologies, libraries have redefined their role in the community and reaffirmed their importance as accessible centers for learning and innovation.

- (A) VR stations for virtual games
- (B) 3D printers for creating prototypes
- (C) Free high-speed internet for online research
- (D) Self-checkout machines for borrowing items

7. Which of the following sentences accurately summarizes the passage?

Dear Aunt Suzanne,

I have a few minutes before I get on the bus to Galway back to Dublin and wanted to tell you how my trip to Ireland is going. We just spent two days in Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands, which are just off the central west coast of Ireland. We took a ferry from Galway, a ride that takes about an hour and was quite gray and stormy.

For an island that is only about 12 square miles, there is a lot to do and see on Inis Mor! After eating stew and vegetable soup and brown bread with butter, we went to the seater market, where all kinds of woolen products are sold. The Aran Islands are known for their wool because sheep thrive here and generations have used woolen sweaters and hats to survive long cold days of fishing on the open sea. In fact, I learnt that each family or clan has its own signature knitting pattern and some are able to tell which family someone belongs to by the pattern of their sweater! The Healy pattern is an interesting combination of twists and braids, and I found you a birthday souvenir with a beautiful example.

The next day, we rented bicycles and toured the island. We saw ancient ruins, a prehistoric hill fort, and a white sand beach. We also climbed down to a mysterious rock formation known as "The Worm Hole," a rectangular hole in a stone shore that fills with thrashing waves and looks like it houses a terrible serpent (see attached photo). The Worm Hole was difficult to find, and when we stopped someone for directions, she only spoke Gaelic. Sometimes this island seems stuck in an earlier time.

I'm excited to see you when I get home. I have lots more pictures to share!

Love, Eva

- (A) On a personal trip to Ireland, Eva spent time in the Aran Islands, learning about the culture and visiting significant landmarks.
- (B) In an email to her aunt, Eva describes touring Ireland and the extravagant purchases she made there.
- (C) In an email to her aunt, Eva reports on the Aran Islands' strong agricultural community and long-standing traditions.
- (D) During her personal trip abroad, Eva aims to see as much as possible in a short time and gather souvenirs for everyone she knows.

8. What is the primary purpose of a newspaper editorial supporting education reform?

- (A) To entertain readers
 - (B) To express feelings or ideas
 - (C) To explain something
 - (D) To persuade readers
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9. Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablets, USP 0.3 mg/tablet 100 Sublingual Tablets, Prescription Only Store in original container between 20 and 25 C (68 and 77 F). Keep out of reach of children. Do not chew, swallow, or crush this medication. Based on the information on the label, which of the following options is most likely the meaning of sublingual?

- (A) Below the tongue
 - (B) Below the eyelid
 - (C) Below the upper lip
 - (D) Below the skin
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10. Considering that the high school football team's equipment is missing, which of the following pieces of evidence suggests what happened to the equipment?

- (A) Many of the players' parents have raised concerns over the potential for head injuries in contact football.
- (B) The equipment has failed a recent safety inspection.
- (C) The football team often exchanged pranks with their biggest rival, a high school team from the next town.
- (D) The school board has instituted budget cuts to the football program.