PTE Listening Practice Test 2

Summarize Spoken Text

You will hear a short lecture. Write a summary for a fellow student who was not present at the lecture. You should write 50 - 70 words.
You have 10 minutes to finish the task. Your response will be judged on the quality of writing and on how well your response presents the key points presented in the lecture.

Listen to the **audio** and write your answer.

Fill in The Blanks

You will hear a **recording**. Type the missing words in each blank.

Item 1:

For many years, the favorite horror story about _____ climate change was that a shift in ocean currents could _____ cool Europe's climate. These currents, called the overturning _____, bring warm water and warm temperatures north from the equator to Europe. Susan Lozier, an _____ at Duke University, says scientists have long worried that this ocean circulation could be disrupted.

Item 2:

Now that story's been scotched, as only part of contingency planning. But it was a symptom of the dramatic turn of events in South Australia, and it flushed out other remarks from water _____ and people like Tim Flannery, indicating that things were really much worse than had been _____, even earlier this year. So is Adelaide, let alone some whole _____ of South Australia, in serious bother?

Considering that the vast amount of its drinking water comes from the _____ Murray, something many of us outside the State may not have quite realized. Is their _____ something we have to face up to as a nation?

Highlight Incorrect Words

Item 1:

Here's one way bats might get their next meal: by eavesdropping on flies having sex. Bats eat a lot of seemingly undetectable flies. To find out how the winged mammals find the insects, researchers set up a video camera inside a cowshed that was home to a bat colony and lots of bugs. The video showed that bats rely on their echolocation skills to detect flies at a specific time: when they're engaged in rather noisy sex. Flies are usually quiet in bat vibratory and sit on muscled ceilings in caves where compound background noise masks the echoes from their movement. But when flies are feeling frisky, males can't help but flutter their wings, multiplexing a burst of click sounds that the bats pick up on. During more than one thousand sexual slouchers caught in the act on video, five percent of the insects were caught in the act by bats. The clap is published in the journal Current Biology. The study shows that ignorance can be safer than carnal knowledge when predators are on the prowl.

Item 2:

Most of us know we should rein in our energy use. But to be successful, it'd help if we knew the best way to do it. So scientists asked more than 500 people, "What's the most perceptive thing you can do to conserve energy?" The results were illuminating. More than half the wilfulness focused on conservation by curtailment: refreshing off the lights, changing thermostat eclipses and driving less. Only 12 percent went for efficiency: using compact fluorescent bulbs, insulating the house or driving a hybrid car. But scientists say that it's actually these moves that yield the bigger energy savings. The results appear in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The study authors think that a big factor is that curtailment is easier to imagine doing— while efforts to improve periodicity would involve, for example, doing research about new appliances or cars, and spending money upfront to buy them. But if people knew more about the actual energy requirements of their activities versus the savings available through efficiency, they might be spurred to act. To quote physicist and energy expert Arthur Rosenfeld: "Energy efficiency is like Saudi Arabia under our cities."

Write for Diction

You will hear some sentences. Write each sentence exactly as you hear it. Write as much of each sentence as you can. You will hear each sentence only once.

Play the **Audio** to listen to the related recording.