

# PTE Academic

## Exam Overview

# Introduction to PTE Test – Speaking (30- 35 mins.)

Task type	No. of Tasks	Task description	Text / recording length	Time to answer
Read aloud	6-7	A text appears on screen. Read the text aloud into your microphone.	Text up to 60 words	Varies by task, depending on the length of text.
Repeat sentence	10-12	After listening to a sentence, repeat the sentence into your microphone.	3-9 seconds	15 seconds
Describe image	6-7	An image appears on the screen. Describe the image in detail into your microphone.	N A	40 seconds
Re-tell lecture	3-4	After listening to or watching a lecture, re-tell the lecture in your own words into the microphone.	Up to 90 seconds	40 seconds
Answer short questions	10-12	After listening to a question, answer with a single word or a few words into your microphone.	3-9 seconds	10 seconds

# Introduction to PTE Test – Writing (50- 60 mins.)

Task type	No. of Tasks	Task description	Text / recording length	Time to answer
Summarize written text	2-3	After reading a passage, write a one sentence summary of the passage.	Text up to 300 words	10 minutes
Write essay	1-2	Write an essay of 200-300 words on a given topic.	Up to 4 sentences	20 minutes

# Introduction to PTE Test – Reading (32- 41 mins.)

Task type	No. of Tasks	Task description	Text / recording length
Multiple choice, choose single answer	2-3	After reading a text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting one response.	Text upto 300 words
Multiple choice, choose multiple answer	2-3	After reading a text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting more than one response.	Text upto 300 words
Re-Order Paragraphs	2-3	Several text boxes appear on screen in random order. Put the text boxes in the correct order.	Text upto 150 words
Reading: Fill in the blanks	4-5	A text appears on screen with several blanks. Drag words or Phrases from the blue box to fill in the blanks.	Text upto 80 words
Reading & Writing: Fill in the blanks	5-6	A text appears on screen with several blanks. Fill in the blanks by selecting words from several drop-down lists of response options.	Text upto 300 words

# Introduction to PTE Test – Listening (45- 57 mins.)

Task type	No. of Tasks	Task description	Text / recording length
Summarize spoken text	2-3	After listening to a recording, write a summary of 50-70 words.	60-90 seconds
Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	2-3	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple choice question on the content or tone of the recording by selecting more than one response.	40-90 seconds
Fill in the Blanks	2-3	The transcription of a recording appears on screen with several blanks. While listening to a the recording, type the missing words into the blanks.	30-60 seconds
Highlight correct summary	2-3	After listening to a recording, select the paragraph that best summarizes the recording.	30- 90 seconds
Multiple choice, choose single answer	2-3	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple choice question on the content or tone of the recording by selecting one response.	30-60 seconds
Select missing word	2-3	After listening to a recording, select the missing word or group of words that completes the recording.	20-70 seconds
Highlight incorrect words	2-3	The transcription of a recording appears on screen with several blanks. While listening to a the recording, identify the words in the transcription that differ from what is said.	15-50 seconds
Write from dictation	3-4	After listening to a recording of a sentence, type the sentence.	3-5 seconds