

PTE Academic Full-Length Mock Test 3 — Official Pattern

Total duration: ~2 hours 15 minutes | **Total items:** 52–64 across 3 sections

SECTION 1: SPEAKING & WRITING

Duration: 76–84 minutes | 9 task types

0. Personal Introduction (*unscored*)

25 seconds to read the prompt, 30 seconds to record. Used to calibrate your voice — not scored, but skipping it isn't allowed.

"Please introduce yourself. Include information that might be useful to the institutions you are applying to. For example, your academic background, your reasons for taking this test, and your future plans."

1. Read Aloud (*6–7 items, 30–40 sec prep + speaking each*)

1. Artificial intelligence is transforming industries ranging from healthcare to finance. Machine learning algorithms can now detect diseases earlier and predict market trends with growing accuracy.

2. The Great Barrier Reef, stretching over 2,300 kilometers, is the world's largest coral reef system.

3. Microfinance institutions have empowered millions of small entrepreneurs by offering small loans without requiring collateral.

4. Urban farming has become increasingly popular as cities look for sustainable ways to feed growing populations.

5. The discovery of penicillin in 1928 marked a turning point in medical history.

6. Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power are gaining ground as countries aim to reduce carbon emissions.

Scored on: content, oral fluency, pronunciation.

2. Repeat Sentence (10–12 items, 3–9 sec audio each)

1. "The library will be closed for renovation next week."
2. "She completed her master's degree in environmental science."
3. "Public transport usage has increased significantly this year."
4. "The committee will announce its decision by Friday."
5. "Climate change is affecting agricultural output worldwide."
6. "Researchers discovered a new species of frog in the rainforest."
7. "The airport announced delays due to severe weather."
8. "Local farmers are adopting sustainable irrigation methods."
9. "The conference has been rescheduled to next month."
10. "The university offers scholarships to international students."

Scored on: content, oral fluency, pronunciation.

3. Describe Image (3–4 items, 25 sec prep + 40 sec speaking)

Image 1: A bar graph showing smartphone ownership across four age groups in 2015, 2020, and 2025.

Image 2: A pie chart showing global energy consumption by source: coal (30%), gas (25%), renewables (20%), nuclear (15%), oil (10%).

Image 3: A flowchart of the water cycle: evaporation → condensation → precipitation → collection.

Scored on: content, oral fluency, pronunciation. (Human-reviewed under the 2026 hybrid scoring update, alongside AI.)

4. Re-tell Lecture (1–2 items, 90 sec audio + 10 sec prep + 40 sec speaking)

Lecture: "The Impact of Social Media on Modern Communication" — covers the shift to instant messaging in workplaces, the rise of visual content over text, and shrinking attention spans among younger users.

Scored on: content, oral fluency, pronunciation. (Human-reviewed.)

5. Answer Short Question (5–6 items, ~10 sec each)

1. What do we call a person who studies the stars and planets? (*astronomer*)
2. What is the opposite of "abundant"? (*scarce*)
3. What gas do plants absorb during photosynthesis? (*carbon dioxide*)
4. What do you call money paid to a landlord for using a property? (*rent*)
5. What instrument is used to measure temperature? (*thermometer*)

Scored on: content only.

6. Summarize Group Discussion (NEW — 2–3 items, 60–90 sec audio + 10 sec prep + 2 min writing)

Discussion transcript (3 speakers on hybrid work):

Speaker A: "I think remote work has genuinely improved productivity — no commute, fewer interruptions." *Speaker B*: "Sure, but junior staff are missing out on mentorship they'd get from just sitting near experienced colleagues." *Speaker C*: "That's why hybrid is the compromise — a few in-office days for mentoring, the rest remote for focus work." *Speaker A*: "Fair, but companies need to be intentional about which days, or it just becomes noise."

Write a summary of the discussion, capturing each speaker's viewpoint.

Scored on: content, form, grammar, vocabulary. (Human-reviewed.)

7. Respond to a Situation (NEW — 2–3 items, 20–30 sec prep + 40 sec speaking)

Situation 1: "Your colleague missed an important deadline because they were helping you with your own project. Your manager is now questioning your colleague's performance. What would you say to your manager?"

Situation 2: "A close friend asks to borrow a significant amount of money, but you're not comfortable lending it. How would you respond to them?"

Scored on: content, appropriateness of register/tone, oral fluency. (Human-reviewed — designed to reward natural, spontaneous responses over memorized templates.)

8. Summarize Written Text (1–2 items, 10 min each, 5–75 words)

Passage: Remote work has reshaped the modern office landscape since 2020. Companies that once required employees to be present five days a week have shifted to hybrid or fully remote models. While this flexibility has improved work-life balance for many, it has also raised concerns about collaboration, company culture, and the mentoring of junior staff who miss out on informal office interactions.

Scored on: content, form, grammar, vocabulary.

9. Write Essay (1–2 items, 20 min each, 200–300 words)

Prompt: "Some people believe that university education should be free for all students, while others argue that students should pay for their own education. Discuss both views and give your opinion."

Scored on: content, development/structure/coherence, grammar, general linguistic range, vocabulary, spelling, and — since the 2026 update — this task is reviewed by human experts, not just AI.

SECTION 2: READING

Duration: 29–30 minutes | 5 task types | 13–18 items total

Fill in the Blanks — Reading & Writing (4–5 items)

The rise of e-commerce has fundamentally **(1)** the retail industry. Traditional stores now **(2)** with online platforms that offer convenience and **(3)** prices. Many retailers have had to **(4)** their business models to survive in this **(5)** competitive market.

(Drag-and-drop word bank format, not typed)

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2–3 items)

Passage: Ocean acidification, caused by increased carbon dioxide absorption, threatens marine ecosystems worldwide. Coral reefs and shellfish are particularly vulnerable because acidic water hinders their ability to build calcium carbonate structures.

Question: Which statements are supported by the passage? *(Select all that apply)*

- A) Ocean acidification is caused by CO₂ absorption

- B) Coral reefs are unaffected by acidification
 - C) Shellfish struggle to build calcium carbonate structures in acidic water
 - D) Acidification only affects deep-sea creatures
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Re-order Paragraphs (2–3 items)

- A) As a result, many companies now offer flexible working hours to accommodate this shift.
 - B) Work-life balance has become a top priority for employees across industries.
 - C) This trend began accelerating after the pandemic reshaped attitudes toward work.
 - D) Studies show that flexible schedules boost both productivity and employee satisfaction.
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Fill in the Blanks — Reading Only (4–5 items)

Deforestation remains one of the most pressing **(1)** challenges of our time. Forests act as carbon **(2)**, absorbing significant amounts of carbon **(3)** from the atmosphere.

(Dropdown format — choose from options per blank)

Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Passage: A recent study found that students who read for pleasure regularly scored higher on standardized tests than those who did not, regardless of socioeconomic background.

Question: What is the main finding of the study?

- A) Socioeconomic status is the biggest factor in test scores
 - B) Reading for pleasure correlates with higher test scores
 - C) Standardized tests are unreliable
 - D) Wealthy students read more
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SECTION 3: LISTENING

Duration: 30–43 minutes | 8 task types | 12–20 items total

Summarize Spoken Text (1–2 items, 60–90 sec audio, 10 min writing, 50–70 words)

"Let's discuss biodiversity. Ecosystems with a wide variety of species tend to be more resilient to environmental changes, disease, and climate shifts. When biodiversity declines, food chains become fragile, and the entire ecosystem is at greater risk of collapse."

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2 items)

Audio: "Electric vehicles offer several advantages: lower running costs, reduced emissions, and quieter operation. However, challenges remain, including limited charging infrastructure and higher upfront costs."

Question: Which are mentioned as advantages?

- A) Lower running costs
 - B) Higher upfront cost
 - C) Reduced emissions
 - D) Limited charging stations
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Fill in the Blanks — Listening (2–3 items)

"The (1) industry has seen rapid growth due to advances in (2) technology, making renewable power more (3) than ever before."

(Typed while audio plays — no repeat)

Highlight Correct Summary (2 items)

Audio topic: Benefits of bilingualism — cognitive flexibility, delayed onset of dementia, improved multitasking.

- A) "Speaking two languages guarantees fluency by age five."
 - B) "Speaking two languages offers cognitive benefits including better multitasking and potential delays in age-related memory decline."
 - C) "Bilingualism is only useful for professional translators."
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Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Audio: "While many assume that multitasking increases productivity, research consistently shows the opposite — constant task-switching reduces efficiency and increases errors."

Question: What does the speaker suggest?

- A) It improves focus
 - B) It reduces productivity
 - C) It has no effect
 - D) It is essential for modern work
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Select Missing Word (2 items)

Audio: "Despite significant investment in public transport, traffic congestion in major cities continues to worsen, largely due to rising rates of..." (*recording ends*)

- A) car ownership
 - B) rainfall
 - C) unemployment
 - D) tourism
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Highlight Incorrect Words (2–3 items)

Written: "The committee approved the new policy after months of *careful* deliberation and *public* consultation." Audio says: "...after months of *lengthy* deliberation and *public* consultation."

Write from Dictation (3–4 items)

1. "Innovation drives economic growth in developing nations."
 2. "The museum's new exhibit opens to the public next month."
 3. "Effective communication is key to successful teamwork."
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