

PTE Academic Full-Length Mock Test 4 — 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 sec prep, 30 sec recording.

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

1. Read Aloud (*6–7 items*)

1. Space exploration has entered a new era with private companies now launching reusable rockets, dramatically lowering the cost of reaching orbit.

2. Traditional handicrafts are experiencing a revival as consumers increasingly value handmade, sustainable goods over mass-produced alternatives.

3. The human gut contains trillions of bacteria that play a crucial role in digestion, immunity, and even mental health.

4. Coastal cities face growing risks from rising sea levels, prompting engineers to design innovative flood defense systems.

5. Language learning apps have made it easier than ever for people to pick up a new language during short daily sessions.

6. Archaeologists recently uncovered an ancient settlement that offers new insights into early trade routes across the Mediterranean.

2. Repeat Sentence (10–12 items)

1. "The bridge will remain closed until repairs are completed."
 2. "Scientists are studying how coral adapts to warmer waters."
 3. "The company reported a significant rise in quarterly profits."
 4. "Volunteers gathered to clean up the local riverbank."
 5. "The professor postponed the exam due to a scheduling conflict."
 6. "Wildlife photographers often wait hours for the perfect shot."
 7. "The city council approved funding for a new library."
 8. "Her research focuses on renewable materials in construction."
 9. "The flight was delayed because of a mechanical issue."
 10. "Employees praised the new flexible leave policy."
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3. Describe Image (3–4 items)

Image 1: A line graph showing internet usage hours per day across three countries from 2018 to 2026.

Image 2: A bar chart comparing renewable energy adoption rates across five countries.

Image 3: A diagram showing the stages of a product life cycle: introduction, growth, maturity, decline.

4. Re-tell Lecture (1–2 items)

Lecture: "The Science of Habit Formation" — covers how habits form through cue-routine-reward loops, why willpower alone often fails, and how environment design supports lasting behavior change.

5. Answer Short Question (5–6 items)

1. What do we call a person who flies an aircraft? (*pilot*)
 2. What is the opposite of "generous"? (*stingy/miserly*)
 3. What planet is known as the Red Planet? (*Mars*)
 4. What do you call a doctor who performs surgery? (*surgeon*)
 5. What is the study of weather called? (*meteorology*)
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6. Summarize Group Discussion (2–3 items)

Discussion transcript (3 speakers on AI in education):

Speaker A: "AI tutoring tools can give students instant, personalized feedback — something one teacher can't do for thirty kids at once." *Speaker B:* "But over-reliance on AI could weaken students' ability to work through problems independently." *Speaker C:* "I think it depends on how it's used — as a supplement for practice, it's great; as a replacement for teaching, it's risky."
Speaker A: "Agreed, the key is keeping a teacher in the loop to guide how it's used."

Write a summary capturing each speaker's viewpoint.

7. Respond to a Situation (2–3 items)

Situation 1: "You booked a hotel room online, but on arrival the hotel says they have no record of your booking and the property is fully booked. What would you say to the front desk staff?"

Situation 2: "A group project partner hasn't contributed any work, and the deadline is tomorrow. How would you address this with them?"

8. Summarize Written Text (1–2 items)

Passage: The global shipping industry, responsible for transporting roughly 80 percent of world trade by volume, is under growing pressure to reduce its carbon footprint. Large cargo vessels currently run primarily on heavy fuel oil, a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution in port cities. Shipping companies are now exploring alternatives such as liquefied natural gas, hydrogen, and wind-assisted propulsion, though high conversion costs and limited refueling infrastructure remain major obstacles. International regulators have set targets to cut emissions from shipping substantially by mid-century, pushing the industry toward faster adoption of cleaner technologies.

9. Write Essay (1–2 items)

Prompt: "In many countries, the gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen. What are the causes of this growing inequality, and what measures can be taken to address it?"

SECTION 2: READING

Duration: 29–30 minutes | 13–18 items

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

Telemedicine has (1) how patients access healthcare, particularly in remote areas. Patients can now (2) with doctors through video calls instead of (3) long distances to a clinic. While convenient, this approach still (4) certain limitations, especially for conditions requiring (5) examination.

Options: (1) transformed/ignored/delayed (2) consult/argue/avoid (3) traveling/measuring/predicting (4) faces/solves/removes (5) physical/verbal/optional

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2–3 items)

Passage: Microplastics, tiny plastic particles less than five millimeters in size, have been found in oceans, soil, and even drinking water. Research suggests they can enter the human body through ingestion and inhalation, though the long-term health effects remain under investigation.

Question: Which statements are supported by the passage?

- A) Microplastics have been found in drinking water
 - B) The long-term health effects of microplastics are fully understood
 - C) Microplastics can enter the body through ingestion
 - D) Microplastics are larger than five millimeters
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Re-order Paragraphs (2–3 items)

- A) Consequently, several airlines have begun testing sustainable aviation fuel on select routes.
 - B) Aviation currently accounts for a small but growing share of global carbon emissions.
 - C) Analysts warn that without cleaner alternatives, this share could rise significantly by 2050.
 - D) These early trials aim to prove that lower-emission flights are commercially viable at scale.
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Fill in the Blanks — Reading Only (4–5 items)

Coral reefs support roughly a quarter of all marine **(1)**, despite covering less than one percent of the ocean **(2)**. Rising sea temperatures pose a serious **(3)** to their survival.

(1) species (2) floor (3) threat

Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Passage: A study tracking commuters found that those who used active travel methods, such as cycling or walking, reported higher levels of daily wellbeing than those who commuted by car, even after accounting for commute length.

Question: What does the study suggest?

- A) Car commuters are always less healthy
 - B) Commute length is the main factor in wellbeing
 - C) Active travel is associated with higher wellbeing regardless of commute length
 - D) Walking is faster than driving
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SECTION 3: LISTENING

Duration: 30–43 minutes | 12–20 items

Summarize Spoken Text (1–2 items)

"Today's topic is urban heat islands. Cities tend to be significantly warmer than surrounding rural areas because concrete, asphalt, and buildings absorb and retain heat throughout the day, releasing it slowly at night. This effect is worsened by a lack of vegetation and green space. Urban planners are now exploring solutions like reflective roofing, increased tree cover, and green walls to help cool cities and reduce energy demand for air conditioning."

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2 items)

Audio: "Vertical farming offers advantages such as year-round crop production and reduced water usage compared to traditional farming. However, high initial setup costs and significant energy demands for artificial lighting remain key challenges."

Question: Which are mentioned as advantages of vertical farming?

- A) Year-round crop production
 - B) High initial setup costs
 - C) Reduced water usage
 - D) High energy demands
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Fill in the Blanks — Listening (2–3 items)

"Recent advances in (1) recognition technology have enabled smartphones to unlock instantly using a user's (2), improving both convenience and (3)."

Highlight Correct Summary (2 items)

Audio topic: A lecture on the benefits of journaling — improved emotional processing, better memory retention, and reduced stress.

- A) "Journaling is only useful for professional writers."
 - B) "Regular journaling can help process emotions, improve memory, and reduce stress."
 - C) "Journaling has no measurable psychological benefits."
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Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Audio: "It's often assumed that larger class sizes always harm learning outcomes. However, recent research suggests that teaching quality and classroom management matter more than class size alone."

Question: What does the speaker suggest?

- A) Class size is the only factor that matters
 - B) Teaching quality matters more than class size alone
 - C) Larger classes always improve outcomes
 - D) Classroom management is irrelevant
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Select Missing Word (2 items)

Audio: "Even as renewable energy capacity expands rapidly, many power grids still struggle with..." (*recording ends*)

- A) energy storage limitations

- B) declining electricity demand
 - C) excess fossil fuel supply
 - D) falling construction costs
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Highlight Incorrect Words (2–3 items)

Written: "The survey revealed a *modest* increase in customer satisfaction following the *recent* changes." Audio says: "The survey revealed a *significant* increase in customer satisfaction following the *recent* changes."

Write from Dictation (3–4 items)

1. "Urban planning must account for future population growth."
 2. "The study revealed a strong link between diet and sleep quality."
 3. "Digital literacy is increasingly essential in the modern workplace."
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