

PTE Academic Full-Length Mock Test 5 — 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. Museums around the world are increasingly using augmented reality to let visitors interact with exhibits in immersive new ways.
 2. Beekeeping has seen a resurgence in urban areas, as city dwellers recognize the vital role bees play in pollinating local ecosystems.
 3. The rise of electric bicycles has changed daily commuting patterns in many cities, offering a faster alternative to walking without the cost of a car.
 4. Antarctic ice cores provide scientists with a detailed record of Earth's climate stretching back hundreds of thousands of years.
 5. Financial literacy programs in schools aim to equip young people with practical skills for budgeting, saving, and understanding credit.
 6. Noise pollution in major cities has been linked to increased stress levels and disrupted sleep patterns among residents.
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2. Repeat Sentence (10–12 items)

1. "The new policy takes effect at the start of next month."
 2. "Engineers tested the bridge's structural integrity before opening it."
 3. "The charity received a record number of donations this year."
 4. "Her thesis examines the effects of urban noise on wildlife."
 5. "The store extended its hours during the holiday season."
 6. "Researchers are developing a vaccine for a rare tropical disease."
 7. "The team celebrated after winning the regional championship."
 8. "Officials urged residents to conserve water during the drought."
 9. "The novel was translated into more than twenty languages."
 10. "Investors remained cautious amid ongoing market volatility."
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3. Describe Image (3–4 items)

Image 1: A pie chart showing how a typical household budget is allocated: housing (35%), food (20%), transport (15%), savings (15%), other (15%).

Image 2: A line graph tracking global smartphone sales from 2015 to 2026, showing growth followed by a recent plateau.

Image 3: A diagram showing the stages of recycling: collection, sorting, processing, manufacturing, distribution.

4. Re-tell Lecture (1–2 items)

Lecture: "The Rise of the Sharing Economy" — covers how platforms enabling peer-to-peer renting and services have changed consumer habits, concerns about worker protections in gig-based models, and the regulatory challenges cities now face.

5. Answer Short Question (5–6 items)

1. What do we call a person who writes music? (*composer*)
 2. What is the opposite of "temporary"? (*permanent*)
 3. What is the largest organ in the human body? (*skin*)
 4. What do you call a place where books are borrowed for free? (*library*)
 5. What is the study of ancient societies through physical remains called? (*archaeology*)
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6. Summarize Group Discussion (2–3 items)

Discussion transcript (3 speakers on social media regulation):

Speaker A: "Platforms need stricter regulation — misinformation spreads faster than fact-checkers can respond." *Speaker B:* "I worry heavy-handed regulation could be used to suppress legitimate speech too." *Speaker C:* "Maybe the answer is more transparency in how algorithms rank content, rather than banning content outright." *Speaker A:* "That's fair — transparency at least lets users understand why they're seeing what they see."

Write a summary capturing each speaker's viewpoint.

7. Respond to a Situation (2–3 items)

Situation 1: "You ordered a meal at a restaurant, but after waiting nearly an hour, it still hasn't arrived and you have another appointment soon. What would you say to the waiter?"

Situation 2: "Your neighbor's late-night parties have been disturbing your sleep for the past two weeks. How would you raise this with them?"

8. Summarize Written Text (1–2 items)

Passage: Antibiotic resistance is increasingly recognized as one of the most serious threats to global public health. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics in both human medicine and agriculture have accelerated the evolution of bacteria that no longer respond to standard treatments. Infections that were once easily treatable are becoming harder, and sometimes impossible, to cure. Public health experts warn that without coordinated global action, including tighter prescribing guidelines and investment in new antibiotic development, common medical procedures such as surgery could become significantly riskier due to the threat of untreatable infections.

9. Write Essay (1–2 items)

Prompt: "Some people think that governments should invest more in public transportation rather than building new roads. To what extent do you agree or disagree?"

SECTION 2: READING

Duration: 29–30 minutes | 13–18 items

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

Plant-based diets have (1) in popularity over the past decade, driven partly by growing (2) about the environmental impact of meat production. Many restaurants now (3) dedicated vegan menus to meet this (4) demand, while food companies continue to (5) new plant-based alternatives to traditional products.

Options: (1) surged/declined/paused (2) awareness/confusion/silence (3) offer/reject/hide (4) growing/shrinking/fixed (5) develop/discard/measure

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2–3 items)

Passage: Light pollution, caused by excessive or misdirected artificial lighting, disrupts nocturnal wildlife behavior and obscures views of the night sky. Studies show it can interfere with bird migration patterns and disturb the sleep cycles of many species, including humans.

Question: Which statements are supported by the passage?

- A) Light pollution can disrupt bird migration
 - B) Light pollution has no effect on humans
 - C) Light pollution can disturb sleep cycles
 - D) Light pollution only affects rural areas
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Re-order Paragraphs (2–3 items)

- A) In response, several cities have begun installing smart streetlights that dim when no one is present.
 - B) Light pollution has become an overlooked environmental issue in rapidly urbanizing regions.
 - C) These systems aim to cut energy waste while reducing disruption to nocturnal wildlife.
 - D) Excessive nighttime lighting not only wastes energy but also disorients migratory birds and insects.
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Fill in the Blanks — Reading Only (4–5 items)

Wetlands play a critical **(1)** in filtering pollutants from water and providing **(2)** for countless species. Despite their importance, wetlands continue to **(3)** due to agricultural expansion and urban development.

(1) role (2) habitat (3) disappear

Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Passage: An analysis of workplace productivity found that employees who took short walking breaks every 90 minutes completed tasks more accurately than those who worked continuously, even though the walking group spent less total time at their desks.

Question: What does the analysis suggest?

- A) Desk time alone determines task accuracy
 - B) Continuous work without breaks improves accuracy
 - C) Short walking breaks are linked to greater task accuracy
 - D) Walking breaks reduce total working hours needed
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SECTION 3: LISTENING

Duration: 30–43 minutes | 12–20 items

Summarize Spoken Text (1–2 items)

"Let's look at the placebo effect. When patients believe they are receiving effective treatment, they can sometimes experience real improvements in symptoms, even if the treatment itself has no active therapeutic ingredient. Researchers believe this happens due to a combination of psychological expectation and measurable changes in brain chemistry. Understanding the placebo effect is crucial in clinical trials, where new treatments must outperform a placebo to be considered genuinely effective."

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2 items)

Audio: "Community gardens offer benefits including improved access to fresh produce and stronger neighborhood connections. However, challenges include limited available land in dense urban areas and the need for ongoing volunteer coordination."

Question: Which are mentioned as benefits of community gardens?

- A) Improved access to fresh produce
 - B) Limited available land
 - C) Stronger neighborhood connections
 - D) Need for volunteer coordination
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Fill in the Blanks — Listening (2–3 items)

"Improvements in (1) desalination technology have made it increasingly (2) for coastal regions to convert seawater into (3) drinking water."

Highlight Correct Summary (2 items)

Audio topic: A lecture on the benefits of learning a musical instrument — improved memory, enhanced coordination, and increased discipline in children.

- A) "Learning an instrument is only beneficial for professional musicians."
 - B) "Learning a musical instrument can improve memory, coordination, and discipline, particularly in children."
 - C) "Musical training has no cognitive benefits for children."
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Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Audio: "It's commonly believed that expensive skincare products always work better than cheaper alternatives. However, dermatologists note that the key active ingredients, not the price, determine effectiveness."

Question: What does the speaker suggest?

- A) Price determines product effectiveness
 - B) Active ingredients matter more than price
 - C) Cheaper products never work
 - D) All skincare products are identical
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Select Missing Word (2 items)

Audio: "Although remote work has grown steadily, many companies still cite difficulties in maintaining..." (*recording ends*)

- A) team collaboration and culture
 - B) employee salaries
 - C) office real estate
 - D) internet speed
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Highlight Incorrect Words (2–3 items)

Written: "The report noted a *gradual* decline in paper consumption across *most* industries."

Audio says: "The report noted a *sharp* decline in paper consumption across *most* industries."

Write from Dictation (3–4 items)

1. "Renewable resources must be managed responsibly for future generations."
 2. "The survey highlighted growing concern over data privacy."
 3. "Small businesses often struggle to compete with larger corporations."
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