

PTE Academic Full-Length Mock Test 6 — 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. Vertical cities are being proposed as a solution to land scarcity, with architects designing skyscrapers that include parks, farms, and schools within a single structure.
 2. The invention of the printing press in the fifteenth century dramatically increased the spread of literacy and ideas across Europe.
 3. Wearable fitness trackers now monitor heart rate, sleep quality, and stress levels, giving users real-time insight into their overall health.
 4. Desert ecosystems, though seemingly barren, support a surprising diversity of plant and animal life adapted to extreme conditions.
 5. Public libraries have evolved beyond lending books, now offering digital literacy classes, community events, and free access to online resources.
 6. The global demand for lithium has surged as electric vehicle production accelerates, raising questions about sustainable mining practices.
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2. Repeat Sentence (10–12 items)

1. "The company plans to open three new branches next year."
 2. "Scientists confirmed the discovery of a previously unknown mineral."
 3. "The festival attracts thousands of visitors every summer."
 4. "Local authorities issued a warning about rising river levels."
 5. "The startup secured funding from several international investors."
 6. "Her documentary explores the history of jazz music."
 7. "The hospital introduced a new system for scheduling appointments."
 8. "Farmers reported a significant drop in crop yields this season."
 9. "The committee reviewed applications from over two hundred candidates."
 10. "Public opinion has shifted noticeably on this issue in recent years."
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3. Describe Image (3–4 items)

Image 1: A bar graph comparing average commute times across five major cities.

Image 2: A line graph showing the decline in newspaper circulation alongside the rise in digital news subscriptions from 2010 to 2026.

Image 3: A diagram illustrating the stages of a butterfly's life cycle: egg, larva, pupa, adult.

4. Re-tell Lecture (1–2 items)

Lecture: "The Economics of Attention" — covers how digital platforms compete for user attention as a scarce resource, the design techniques used to maximize engagement, and growing debate over regulating these practices.

5. Answer Short Question (5–6 items)

1. What do we call a person who repairs cars? (*mechanic*)
 2. What is the opposite of "flexible"? (*rigid*)
 3. What is the closest star to Earth? (*the Sun*)
 4. What do you call a document proving property ownership? (*deed*)
 5. What is the study of fossils called? (*paleontology*)
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6. Summarize Group Discussion (2–3 items)

Discussion transcript (3 speakers on four-day work weeks):

Speaker A: "Trials of the four-day week have shown productivity holds steady while employee wellbeing improves significantly." *Speaker B:* "That might work for office jobs, but it's harder to apply in healthcare or retail, where coverage can't just shrink." *Speaker C:* "True, but even in those sectors, some companies are experimenting with rotating schedules to make it work."

Speaker A: "Exactly — it's less about a universal rule and more about adapting the idea to each industry."

Write a summary capturing each speaker's viewpoint.

7. Respond to a Situation (2–3 items)

Situation 1: "You purchased a laptop online, but it arrived with a cracked screen. What would you say to the customer service representative?"

Situation 2: "A classmate keeps copying your notes without asking and doesn't attend lectures. How would you address this with them?"

8. Summarize Written Text (1–2 items)

Passage: Water scarcity is emerging as one of the defining challenges of the twenty-first century, with population growth, climate change, and inefficient agricultural practices placing increasing strain on freshwater supplies. Regions once considered water-secure are now experiencing seasonal shortages, prompting governments to invest in infrastructure such as desalination plants and wastewater recycling systems. However, experts caution that technological solutions alone will not be sufficient, and that reducing consumption through improved irrigation techniques and public awareness campaigns will be equally essential in managing long-term water security.

9. Write Essay (1–2 items)

Prompt: "Some people believe that success is primarily determined by hard work, while others believe it depends largely on luck and circumstance. Discuss both views and give your opinion."

SECTION 2: READING

Duration: 29–30 minutes | 13–18 items

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

The concept of a four-day work week has (1) significant attention from businesses worldwide. Early trials (2) that productivity often remains (3) even as working hours are reduced. Critics, however, (4) whether the model can be (5) applied across all industries.

Options: (1) attracted/avoided/erased (2) suggest/deny/forget (3) stable/erratic/irrelevant (4) question/confirm/ignore (5) uniformly/rarely/secretly

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2–3 items)

Passage: Soil erosion, accelerated by deforestation and intensive farming, strips land of the nutrients needed for healthy crop growth. This process can take centuries to reverse naturally, making prevention through sustainable land management far more effective than remediation.

Question: Which statements are supported by the passage?

- A) Soil erosion is accelerated by deforestation
 - B) Soil erosion reverses quickly on its own
 - C) Intensive farming contributes to soil erosion
 - D) Prevention is more effective than remediation
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Re-order Paragraphs (2–3 items)

- A) In response, several manufacturers have introduced modular designs that allow parts to be replaced individually.
 - B) Electronic waste has become one of the fastest-growing waste streams globally.
 - C) This shift aims to extend product lifespans and reduce the volume of discarded electronics.
 - D) Much of this waste stems from consumers replacing entire devices rather than repairing them.
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Fill in the Blanks — Reading Only (4–5 items)

Mangrove forests provide essential **(1)** against coastal erosion and storm surges. They also serve as a vital **(2)** ground for numerous fish species, making their **(3)** a growing environmental concern.

(1) protection (2) breeding (3) loss

Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Passage: An analysis of consumer behavior found that shoppers presented with fewer product options reported higher satisfaction with their final choice than those presented with a much larger range, even though the larger range technically offered more variety.

Question: What does the analysis suggest?

- A) More options always lead to greater satisfaction
 - B) Variety has no impact on consumer behavior
 - C) Fewer options can lead to greater decision satisfaction
 - D) Shoppers prefer the largest possible range
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SECTION 3: LISTENING

Duration: 30–43 minutes | 12–20 items

Summarize Spoken Text (1–2 items)

"Today, let's examine the concept of cognitive load. Our working memory can only process a limited amount of information at once, and when that limit is exceeded, learning and decision-making become less effective. Educators apply this idea by breaking complex material into smaller, manageable chunks rather than presenting everything at once. Understanding cognitive load has also influenced how software and websites are designed, with simpler interfaces generally reducing user frustration and error rates."

Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (2 items)

Audio: "Co-working spaces offer benefits such as networking opportunities and lower overhead costs compared to traditional offices. However, drawbacks include less privacy and potential distractions from shared environments."

Question: Which are mentioned as benefits of co-working spaces?

- A) Networking opportunities
 - B) Less privacy
 - C) Lower overhead costs
 - D) Potential distractions
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Fill in the Blanks — Listening (2–3 items)

"Developments in (1) battery technology are enabling electric vehicles to travel (2) distances on a single charge, while also reducing overall (3) time."

Highlight Correct Summary (2 items)

Audio topic: A lecture on the benefits of intermittent fasting research — improved metabolic markers in some studies, ongoing debate about long-term effects, and the importance of individualized medical advice.

- A) "Intermittent fasting is scientifically proven to work identically for everyone."
 - B) "Some studies show improved metabolic markers with intermittent fasting, but long-term effects remain debated and advice should be individualized."
 - C) "Intermittent fasting has been conclusively shown to have no health benefits."
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Multiple Choice, Single Answer (1–2 items)

Audio: "It's often assumed that older employees are less adaptable to new technology than younger ones. However, workplace studies find that prior experience often helps older employees learn new systems just as effectively."

Question: What does the speaker suggest?

- A) Older employees are always less adaptable
 - B) Age has no relevance to learning at all
 - C) Prior experience can help older employees learn new systems effectively
 - D) Younger employees never need training
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Select Missing Word (2 items)

Audio: "Despite growing investment in cybersecurity, many organizations remain vulnerable due to outdated..." (*recording ends*)

- A) software systems
 - B) marketing budgets
 - C) employee benefits
 - D) office locations
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Highlight Incorrect Words (2–3 items)

Written: "The analysis showed a *minor* shift in consumer spending during the *holiday* season."

Audio says: "The analysis showed a *notable* shift in consumer spending during the *holiday* season."

Write from Dictation (3–4 items)

1. "Effective policies require input from a wide range of stakeholders."
 2. "The company invested heavily in employee training programs."
 3. "Access to reliable internet remains uneven across rural areas."
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