



PTE EXAM

PATTERN



Introduction to PTE Exam Pattern

To excel in the PTE exam in 2025, understanding the test format is crucial. The exam is divided into three sections: Listening, Reading, and Speaking & Writing. Knowing the structure, question types, and time limits helps in effective preparation. This guide will cover the PTE exam pattern for 2025 in detail.

Overview of PTE Exam Pattern 2025

Speaking and Writing	54-67 minutes
Reading	29-30 minutes
Listening	30-43 minutes
Total Duration	2 hours
Medium	Fully computer-based
Test Layout	20 question types

PTE Exam Pattern 2025: Section-Wise Breakdown

PTE exam pattern includes the four major skills i.e. listening, reading, writing and speaking. However, it is vital for the test-takers to know the format of the PTE Exam in detail for each section. Thus, in below given tables, we have mentioned the format of all the modules of PTE for you to understand a better way.

PTE Speaking & Writing

This section tests your 2 major skills of communication i.e. speaking and writing skills. It includes six types of questions that check your promptness for both writing and speaking. The time duration for the PTE speaking and writing section is 54-67 minutes. Now look below at the PTE exam pattern of the speaking and writing section.

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Question Types	Number of Questions	Time to Answer (approx)
Personal Introduction	1	55 seconds: 25 seconds for prompt, 30 seconds to record
Read Aloud	6-7	30-40 seconds to prepare for reading out the text of 60 words. Time depends on the length of the prompt.
Repeat Sentence	10-12	15 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 15 seconds to record
Describe Image	3-4	25 seconds are given to study the image as well as prepare your response on the same for which 40 seconds are given
Re-tell Lecture	1-2	90 seconds for prompt length, 10 seconds to prepare, and 40 seconds to answer
Answer Short Questions	5-6	20 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 10 seconds to answer
Summarize Written Text	1-2	10 minutes you get to answer the text of 300 words
Essay Writing	1-2	20 minutes to answer the text prompt of 2-3 sentences
Total Questions: 28-36	Time Allowed: 54-67 minutes	

Skills Assessed in PTE Speaking and Writing

As discussed PTE exam format of the speaking and writing section, there are some skills too which are assessed. They are as follows:

- How candidates organize their ideas and communicate them
- It checks your grammar accuracy, [vocabulary](#) use, and fluency.
- Presenting ideas logically and coherently, whether speaking or writing.
- Ability to express their thoughts effectively in different formats.

PTE Reading Section

The reading section of the PTE exam tests the candidate's ability to understand the written instructions in the language. It has a total of 5 types of questions. Now check the exam format of the PTE reading section.

Question Types	Number of Questions	Time to Answer (approx)
Multiple Choice, Single Answer	1	Read the text of 300 words and choose the relevant option to the question
Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers	6-7	Read the text of 300 words and choose more than one response related to the option
Re-order Paragraphs	10-12	Read down 150 words of the text and arrange the paragraphs in the correct order
Reading Fill in the Blanks	3-4	Read the text of 80 words and drag down the words to fill the gaps.
Reading and Writing Fill in the Blanks	1-2	Read the text of 300 words and drag down the words to fill the gaps.
Total Questions: 13-18	Time Allowed: 29-30 minutes	

Skills Assessed in PTE Reading Section

The reading section of the PTE exam tests the candidate's ability to understand the written instructions in the language. It has a total of 5 types of questions. Now check the exam format of the PTE reading section.

- It evaluates your reading comprehension and grasping of the main ideas.
- It checks your skimming and scanning skills.
- This section assess the test takers ability to understand written instructions in the language.
- It checks your vocabulary and reading speed skills.

PTE Listening

The listening section of the PTE exam is 30 to 43 minutes. This segment is designed to examine the candidate's ability to understand spoken English. In this section, candidates need to carefully hear the audio file played and recall what they heard. Now look below the PTE exam pattern 2025 of the listening section.

Question Types	Number of Questions	Time to Answer (approx)
Summarize Spoken Text	1	55 seconds: 25 seconds for prompt, 30 seconds to record
Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer	6-7	30-40 seconds to prepare for reading out the text of 60 words. Time depends on the length of the prompt.
Fill in the Blanks	10-12	15 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 15 seconds to record
Highlight Correct Summary	3-4	25 seconds are given to study the image as well as prepare your response on the same for which 40 seconds are given
Multiple Choice, Single Answer	1-2	90 seconds for prompt length, 10 seconds to prepare, and 40 seconds to answer
Select Missing Word	5-6	20 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 10 seconds to answer
Highlight Incorrect Words	1-2	10 minutes you get to answer the text of 300 words
Write from Dictation	1-2	20 minutes to answer the text prompt of 2-3 sentences
Total Questions: 28-36	Time Allowed: 54-67 minutes	

Skills Assessed in PTE Listening Section

The skills that are tested in the PTE listening section are as follows as mentioned below.

- It checks your ability to understand spoken English
- Evaluate your listening abilities
- Assess your understanding of different accents
- Focus on pronunciation and intonation



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