



# PTE TEST POCKET GUIDE



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# ABOUT



## THE PTE TEST

- The PTE test is a 2-hour exam.
- It's 100% computer-based.
- You'll be tested in four sections: Speaking, Writing, Reading and Listening.
- The lowest score you can get is ten, and the highest is 90.
- The most desired scores for migration to Australia, education and career qualification are 50, 65 and 79 in every test component.

# »» TEST TIMING

<b>Personal Introduction</b>	<b>1 minute</b>
<b>Part 1: Speaking and Writing</b>	<b>54-67 mins</b>
<b>Part 2: Reading</b>	<b>29-30 mins</b>
<b>Part 3: Listening</b>	<b>30-43 mins</b>





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# **SPEAKING TEST**

**29 - 30 minutes**

<b>READ ALOUD</b>	<b>6-7 Texts</b>
<b>REPEAT SENTENCE</b>	<b>10-12 Sentences</b>
<b>DESCRIBE IMAGE</b>	<b>3-4 Images</b>
<b>RETELL LECTURE</b>	<b>1-2 Lectures</b>
<b>ANSWER SHORT QUESTION</b>	<b>5-6 Questions</b>
	<b>Total: 28 - 32 tasks</b>





# SPEAKING TEST

## READ ALOUD

### Strategy:

**Voice:** Strong, powerful. Do not shout!

**Pace:** Natural; neither too fast nor too slow.

**Rhythm:** Smooth and continuous. Do not keep stopping to fix what you just said.

## REPEAT SENTENCE

### Strategy:

Shadowing practice.

Focus on at least five words, and imitate the sounds you hear.

# SPEAKING TEST

## DESCRIBE IMAGE

### Strategy:

Memorise my template. Talk about the highest number, the second highest number and the lowest. Speak continuously for at least 30 seconds. You must conclude.

## RETELL LECTURE

### Strategy:

Note take; words only.  
Memorise my template. Speak continuously for at least 30 seconds. You must conclude.

# WRITING TEST



## SUMMARISE WRITTEN TEXT

- 10 minutes in total per summary. You should use the whole allocated time, do not rush to the next exercise.
- Spend 3 minutes reading the text and focus on 4 ideas.

## SPELLING & GRAMMAR

- You will lose points if you make more than ONE spelling mistake or grammar mistake.
- Copy the words carefully to avoid mistakes.
- Simple grammar is enough for you to get a perfect score.

## FORM:

- You have to write a summary using only ONE (.) full stop. If you use more than ONE full stop, you will lose marks.
- Write a summary between 5 and 75 words only.

## CONTENT

- SKIM the text for the main idea and keywords ✓
- READ and IDENTIFY topic sentences ✓
- CONNECT topic sentences with conjunctions ✓
- NO examples or quotes ✓



# WRITING TEST



## WRITE ESSAY

- 1 or 2 essays
- Time: 20 minutes max
- Length: minimum 200 - 300 maximum

## CONTENT & FORM

- STEP 1: Read the question and plan your answer – answer the question that is being asked during your brainstorming. Is the question AGREE/DISAGREE, ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES, REASONS/SOLUTION? ✓
- STEP 2: Write down how you will answer the question (brainstorm your ideas) ✓
- STEP 3: Use the TEEL paragraph style to discuss the development of your ideas. ✓

## DEVELOPMENT, STRUCTURE & COHERENCE

- INTRODUCTION: write one sentence that paraphrases the topic and one sentence that introduces your opinion. ✓
- BODY: use signpost words such as FIRSTLY, ... SECONDLY, ... HOWEVER, ... IN ADDITION, ON THE OTHER HAND, etc ✓
- CONCLUSION: use signpost words such as: IN CONCLUSION, ... ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, ... OVERALL, ... write a summary of your main ideas or re-state your points in one sentence, if possible. ✓

## GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

- STEP 4: Check your spelling and grammar. ✓



# READING TEST

29 to 30 minutes

## TYPE

1. Reading & Writing : Fill in the blanks
2. Multiple choice, choose multiple answers
3. Reorder paragraphs
4. Reading : Fill in the blanks
5. Multiple choice, choose single answer

## TIME

- 2 mins 30 secs
- 2 mins
- 3 mins
- 2 mins 30 secs
- 2 mins

## # TASKS

- 5 or 6
- 1 or 2
- 3 or 4
- 4 or 5
- 1 or 2
- total: 13 to 18

**"All test takers want to achieve a high score in their PTE tests, but for that to happen, they need the right strategies and the best academic support. I do this; I am the shortcut to make your PTE score come true."**

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# LISTENING TEST

30 - 43 MINUTES

## TYPE

1. Summarise Spoken Text
2. Multiple Choice multi answers
3. Fill in the Blanks
4. Highlight Correct Summary
5. Multiple Choice single answer
6. Select Missing Word
7. Highlight Incorrect Word
8. Write from dictation

## STRATEGY

1. Michele's template + note taking
2. Choose only ONE answer - spend 1 min max.
3. Spelling is super important.
4. Note take if necessary. Spend 1 min max.
5. Read the question first. Spend 1 min max
6. Good luck with this one :)
7. One click only. Do not double click.
8. Write the first letter for every word, you can write as many variations for the same word as possible.

## NUMBER

- 1 or 2
- 1 or 2
- 2 or 3
- 1 or 2
- 1 or 2
- 1 or 2
- 2 or 3
- 3 or 4

TOTAL: 12 - 20