

PTE Core Offline Practice Test

Part 1: Speaking and Writing

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The question types included in the Speaking and Writing section of PTE Core are:

Speaking and Writing question type	Number of questions	Time allowed
Read Aloud	6-7	46-67 minutes
Repeat Sentence	10-12	
Describe Image	3-4	
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Please note, the number of practice questions in this offline test does not reflect the number of questions in the actual PTE Core test.

Audio prompts are provided in the folder **Prompts** and filed by item type, e.g., **Answer Short Question** and by item number, e.g., **Answer Short Question_Question 1**.

An audio sample response is provided at the B levels in the folder **Sample Responses** and filed by question type name and by question number. You can record your own responses for comparison with these samples.

Commentaries on the sample responses are provided in the Answer Key.

This offline test does not have the same functionality as the actual online tests, so responses will have to be handwritten, or typed into the response boxes in this document. Recorded answer and audio countdowns are not included, so if timing the test, only approximations can be applied.

Part 1: Speaking



Read Aloud – Question 1

Look at the text below from a company website about a new service they are offering. In 40 seconds, read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible. You have 40 seconds to read aloud.

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 39 seconds.

Join our book club and enjoy a world of great literature! Every month, we will send you a selection of our most popular titles for you to read and discuss on our website. All club members also receive free gifts on their birthday and member discounts in our online store. To join, simply click on the link below.

Read the text aloud and record your response.

Read Aloud – Question 2

Look at the text below from a notice in a wildlife park. In 30 seconds, read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible. You have 30 seconds to read aloud.

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 39 seconds.


We would like to remind visitors that they should take all rubbish away with them when they leave the park. Empty bottles and other types of waste can be dangerous to small animals, so let's protect nature, and keep the park clean and safe for everyone.

Read the text aloud and record your response.

Repeat Sentence – Question 1

You will hear a sentence. Please repeat the sentence exactly as you hear it. You will hear the sentence only once.

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 8 seconds.


Play audio file [Repeat Sentence_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Repeat the sentence and record your response.

Repeat Sentence – Question 2

You will hear a sentence. Please repeat the sentence exactly as you hear it. You will hear the sentence only once.

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 8 seconds.

Play audio file [Repeat Sentence_Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Repeat the sentence and record your response.

Describe Image – Question 1

Look at the diagram below. In 25 seconds, please speak into the microphone and describe in detail what the diagram is showing. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.



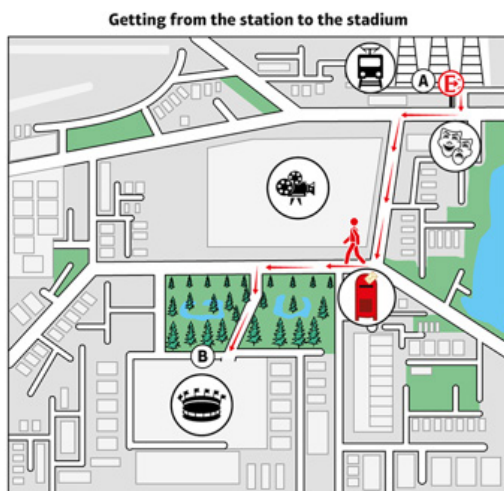
Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 25 seconds.

Describe the image and record your response.

Describe Image – Question 2

Look at the map of a city centre below. In 25 seconds, please speak into the microphone and describe in detail how to get from point A to point B. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.



Recorded Answer

Current Status:

Beginning in 25 seconds.

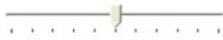
Describe the image and record your response.

Respond to a Situation – Question 1

Listen to and read a description of a situation. You will have 20 seconds to think about your answer. Then you will hear a beep. You will have 40 seconds to answer the question. Please answer as completely as you can.

You own a flat that you have rented out to four university students. You are there to check everything's OK. You notice that the flat is very dirty and messy, and the carpet is damaged. You are extremely unhappy about this and want to remind the students of their responsibilities. What would you say to the students?

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 11 seconds.

Play audio file [Respond to a Situation_ Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Respond to the situation and record your response.

Respond to a Situation – Question 2

Listen to and read a description of a situation. You will have 20 seconds to think about your answer. Then you will hear a beep. You will have 40 seconds to answer the question. Please answer as completely as you can.

You're in your office on Monday morning and your manager asks you whether you can send her the sales report she asked for by Wednesday. You'd like extra time to finish it because the sales team can't send you the figures until tomorrow (Tuesday), a day later than you expected.
What would you say to your colleague?

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 11 seconds.

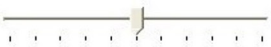
Play audio file [Respond to a Situation_ Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Respond to the situation and record your response.

Answer Short Question – Question 1

You will hear a question. Please give a simple and short answer. Often just one or a few words is enough.

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 8 seconds.

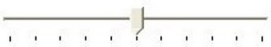
Play audio file [Answer Short Question_Question 1_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Answer the question and record your response.

Answer Short Question – Question 2

You will hear a question. Please give a simple and short answer. Often just one or a few words is enough.

Status: Beginning in 3 seconds.

Volume 

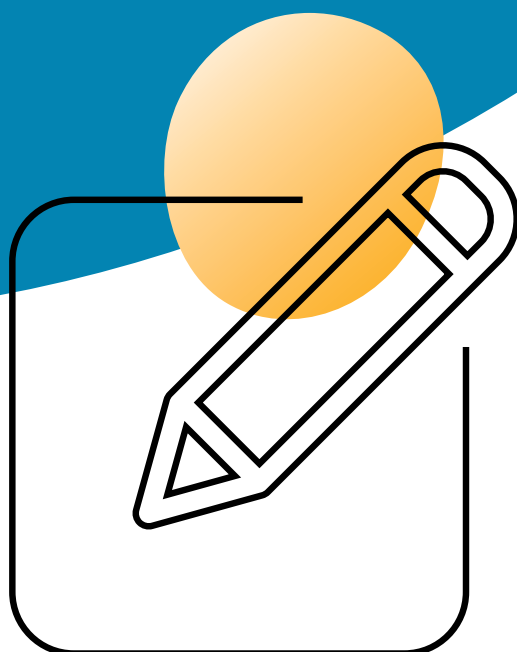
Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 8 seconds.

Play audio file [Answer Short Question_Question 2_Prompt](#) in the *Prompts* folder.

Answer the question and record your response.

Part 1: Writing



Summarize Written Text – Question 1

Read the passage below from a university website about one of its courses. Summarize the passage using between 25 and 50 words. Type your response in the box at the bottom of the screen. You have 10 minutes to finish this task. Your response will be judged on the quality of your writing and on how well your response presents the key points in the passage.

Course Information – Changes to the Business degree programme

Barr Green University has always led the way with the quality of its courses and teaching. One reason our programmes are so popular is because we understand the needs of students and society and are able to make changes when we see a way to improve our degrees.

Therefore, we have decided that it is now time to update our Business degree programme. We plan to reduce the number of financial courses that we offer in the Business programme in order to focus more on subjects such as management. Our aim is to create a world-class Business programme that covers the content that is so important to employers and companies. We are confident that our new Business degree will open many professional doors for our graduates.

If you'd like to know more about the course, [click here](#).

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Total Word Count: 0

Write your answer in the box below (25 – 50 words):

Summarize Written Text – Question 2

Read the email below from a company to its employees talking about transport to work. Summarize the email using between 25 and 50 words. Type your response in the box at the bottom of the screen. You have 10 minutes to finish this task. Your response will be judged on the quality of your writing and on how well your response presents the key points in the email.

Dear Staff,

As you know, as a company we always aim to do our best to protect the environment and limit the amount of pollution we cause. And now, we'd like you to help us by travelling to work without using your car if possible.

In order to encourage more people to travel to work in a more environmentally friendly way, we invite you to take part in our staff discount plan. Simply show your staff card at one of the bicycle stores in town to get a discount, or use your staff card to get a discount on bus or train travel on workdays.

Of course, we know that some employees have to drive to work because there is no other choice available to them. But please consider car sharing with other employees so that you use one vehicle instead of several cars.

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Total Word Count: 0

Write your answer in the box below (25 – 50 words):

Write Email – Question 1

Read a description of a situation. Then write an email about the situation. You will have 9 minutes. You should aim to write at least 100 words. Write using complete sentences.

You work for a university that wants to do more to help its international students feel welcome and enjoy their time at the university. Write an email to Ms Fletcher, head of the Student Office, giving three suggestions for ways that the university can help international students. You should write at least 100 words.

Your ideas must come from the following three themes:

- social activities
- advice about accommodation
- language support

You should include all three themes. Provide supporting ideas for your suggestions.

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Write your answer in the box below (maximum 100 words):

Write Email – Question 2

Read a description of a situation. Then write an email about the situation. You will have 9 minutes. You should aim to write at least 100 words. Write using complete sentences.

The local educational authority wants to encourage more adults in your town to learn a foreign language. You are a student at a local language school and you would like to make suggestions to the local educational authority. Write an email to Mr Harrison, a member of the local educational authority, giving three suggestions for ways to make learning a foreign language more popular with adults. You should write at least 100 words.

Your ideas must come from the following three themes:

- a language festival
- using local celebrities
- evening courses

You should include all three themes. Provide supporting ideas for your suggestions.



Total Word Count: 0

Write your answer in the box below (maximum 100 words):

Part 1 Speaking:

Answer Key and Transcripts

Repeat Sentence – Question 1

Transcript

They used to rent a room in a house with five other people.

Repeat Sentence – Question 2

Transcript

You don't have to accept this job offer if you don't want to.

Describe Image – Question 1

Sample response

The diagram shows how to cook pasta or noodles. First, boil water in a large pan. Next, add the pasta or noodles to the boiling water, and cook for about ten to fifteen minutes. After that, you empty the pasta from the pan to remove all the water. You should do that over a sink. Then, when you have done that, put the pasta in a bowl. The pasta will still be hot. Finally, add some butter and salt and then it's ready to eat.

Describe Image – Question 2

Sample response

In this map of a city, we can see that point A is a train station opposite a theatre. To get from the station to the stadium, come out of the exit and turn right. At the end of the street turn right again and walk past the theatre on your left. Take the first left and walk to the end of the street. Turn right and you will see a post office on your left. Walk past the post office and then enter the park on your left. Walk across the park. On the opposite side of the park is the entrance to the stadium.

Respond to a Situation – Question 1

Sample response

I'm extremely disappointed with the condition of the flat. When you rent a place to live, it's your responsibility to look after it. Someone has damaged the carpet, and you needed to tell me about this. I can also see that the flat hasn't been cleaned for a long time. This is not acceptable. I expect you to keep the flat clean. Unless you take care of the flat, you'll be asked to leave, and you won't receive your deposits back.

Respond to a Situation – Question 2

Sample response

I'm afraid it won't be possible to complete the report by Wednesday. Could I possibly have until Thursday? I'm sorry for the delay but the sales figures I was expecting to receive today still aren't available. The team has promised to send me the information tomorrow. As soon as I receive it, I'll look at the figures and finish the report. If they send me the information tomorrow, I'm confident that I can get the report to you by Thursday.

Answer Short Question – Question 1

Transcript

What do we call a test by scientists to prove if their idea is correct?

Correct: (an) experiment

Answer Short Question – Question 2

Transcript

What do we call someone who buys products from a shop?

Correct: customer / consumer / shopper

Part 1 Writing: Answer Key

Summarize Written Text – Question 1

Sample response

Barr Green University has decided to change its Business degree to focus more on management, and less on financial subjects. The university wants the degree to contain more of the topics that major companies care most about. By doing this, it hopes students' career opportunities will improve.

Summarize Written Text – Question 2

Sample response

The company wants staff to travel to work in ways which cause less pollution and is encouraging employees not to come to work by car. Therefore, the company is offering staff discounts on bicycles and public transport. Also, employees that need to drive should try to share vehicles.

Write Email – Question 1

Sample response

Dear Ms Fletcher,

I am writing to offer some ideas about how we can support our international students.

Firstly, what about organising social activities like a welcome party? This will help international students feel part of the university.

Also, it can be hard for international students to find accommodation in a city they don't know. We could help students with this by providing advice before they arrive.

Finally, although international students might know the vocabulary for their studies, they might not know how to communicate in daily situations. Therefore, shall we offer additional language support to these students?

I hope these suggestions are useful. Please let me know if you'd like to discuss them further.

Best wishes,
Peter Hurst

Write Email – Question 2

Sample response

Dear Mr Harrison,

I'm writing because I have some suggestions which might encourage adults to learn a new language.

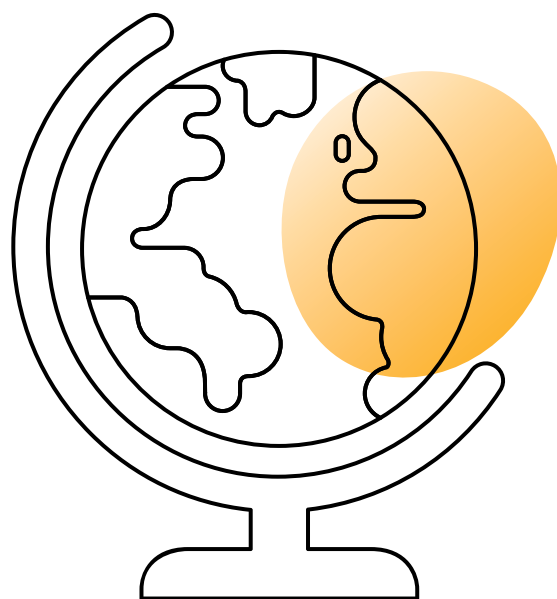
Firstly, there should be a free public festival which celebrates languages. The festival could offer free beginner classes and organise events to show that learning a foreign language can be interesting.

Also, the local authority needs to make use of the internet to reach more people. For instance, you could use popular local celebrities to promote language learning.

Finally, most working adults cannot attend language classes during the day. Therefore, how about offering courses at more convenient times, like in the evening?

I feel these suggestions will increase interest in foreign languages.

Best wishes,
Anya Martin



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