

**PTE - The Pearson Test of English (PTE)** is an English language proficiency test conducted by Pearson PLC, a multinational education company

- Designed to assess the English language proficiency of non-native speakers.
- Administered by Pearson PLC, a multinational education company.
- Non-native speakers aspiring to study, work, or immigrate to English-speaking countries.
- Proficiency evaluated in four main skills: speaking, writing, reading, and listening.
- Known for its computer-based testing approach. Employs artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies for assessment and scoring.
- Recognized globally by universities, colleges, governments, and organizations.

**Test Types:**

Offers various exams, such as PTE Academic for academic purposes and PTE General for non-academic and professional settings.

**Test Components:**

Typically includes multiple-choice questions, essay writing, and spoken responses.

**Comprehensive Evaluation:**

Provides a thorough assessment of an individual's English language abilities.

**PTE**

PTE Exam Pattern 2024: The **PTE exam format consists of 20 different question types, which test the Speaking and writing skills (54 – 67 minutes), Reading skills (29 – 30 minutes), and Listening skills (30 – 43 minutes) of candidates looking to study abroad.** The Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic) assesses the Speaking, Writing, Reading and Listening skills of the candidates to ensure that they are capable of studying in the international environment, with a good grasp of the universal language of English. By scoring well on this test, students can assure the admission committee as well as the visa officers that they are capable of understanding the globally accepted official language while studying in a foreign land.

**PTE Exam Pattern 2024**

A good score on the PTE test also ensures that candidates would be able to represent their ideas, deliver presentations, work to gain international exposure, and function on the international front in front of foreign audiences. This helps the applicants ensure that they are ready to study amidst students from all over the world and international faculty members in the universal official language. In this section, we are going to talk about the latest **PTE Format 2024** for candidates looking to appear for the test.

**PTE Pattern - overall exam**

PTE Format	Details
PTE Exam Pattern	An English language exam that has been developed to test the Speaking & Writing skills (54 – 67 minutes), Reading skills (29 – 30 minutes), and Listening skills (30 – 43 minutes) of candidates wanting to study abroad in an English-speaking country.

PTE Duration	2 Hours and a Single test session
Medium	Computer-based with headset
Mode	Taken in a test centre / Home Edition
Test Type	Assesses real-life English
Test Layout	20 question types

### **PTE Pattern - by Sections**

Refer to the segment-wise description boxes given along with each section explaining the PTE Exam Pattern 2024 in detail:

#### **PTE Exam Pattern: Speaking and Writing — 54 - 67 minutes**

As the name implies, this section tests the candidates based on their 2 major skills of communication, which are spoken and written skills. This section comprises six small sections that test you on your promptness over speaking and writing the written test that you would get to read for the first time. The complete section is given a time duration of 54 - 67 minutes and the time allotted to each segment is as follows:

<b>PTE Speaking and Writing Section Question Topics</b>	<b>PTE Questions per task (w.e.f November 16, 2021)</b>	<b>Duration per task</b>
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
Repeat sentence	10 - 12	15 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 15 seconds to record
Describe image	3 - 4	25 seconds are granted to study the image as well as prepare your response on the same
Retell lecture	1 - 2	90 seconds for prompt length, 10 seconds to prepare and 40 seconds to answer
Answer short question	5 - 6	20 seconds: 3-9 seconds for prompt, 10 seconds to answer

Summarize written text	1 - 2	10 minutes to answer to text prompt of 300 words
Write Essay	1 - 2	20 minutes to answer to text prompt of 2-3 sentences
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>28 - 36</b>	<b>Time Allocation: 54 - 67 minutes</b>

### PTE Exam Pattern: Reading Section — 29 - 30 mins

PTE Reading Format: This section tests the candidates on the basis of their ability to understand the written instructions in the language. The section further divided into 5 segments is 29 to 30 minutes long. Check out the segment-wise pattern for the time distribution of this section:

PTE Reading Section Question Topics	PTE Questions per task (w.e.f November 16, 2021)	Duration per task
Fill in the blanks –reading & writing	5 - 6	Read 300 words of text
Multiple choice, multiple answers	1 - 2	Read 300 words of text
Re-order paragraph	2 - 3	Read 150 words of text
Fill in the blanks –reading	4 - 5	Read 80 words of text
Multiple-choice, single answer	1 - 2	Read 300 words of text
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>13 - 18</b>	<b>Time Allocation - 29 - 30 minutes</b>

### PTE Exam Pattern: Listening — 30 - 43 minutes

PTE Listening Format: The listening section of the PTE Academic is stretched over 30 to 43 minutes of duration. This one is designed to determine the ability to understand spoken English by the candidate. Here, the student needs to ascertain that they carefully hear the audio file played and retain what they heard. This section is divided into 8 segments and the time given to each segment is as follows.

PTE Listening Section Question Topics	PTE Questions per task (w.e.f November 16, 2021)	Duration per task
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Summarize spoken text	1 - 2	60-90 seconds to retain 50-70 words, 10 minutes to write
Multiple choice, multiple answers	1 - 2	40-90 seconds for prompt
Fill in the blanks	2 - 3	30-60 seconds
Highlight correct summary	1 - 2	30-90 seconds
Multiple-choice, single answer	1 - 2	30-60 seconds
Select missing word	1 - 2	20-70 seconds
Highlight incorrect word	2 - 3	15-50 seconds
Write from Dictation	3 - 4	3-5 seconds
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>12 - 20</b>	<b>Time Allocation: 30 - 43 minutes</b>

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