

# PTE INSIGHTS



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## PTE:

The Pearson Test of English (PTE) is an English language test designed to assess non-native English speakers' readiness to participate in a university-level English language instruction program and for immigration purposes.

- Founded in 2009 under the PLC as a **test for non native English Speakers** is widely gaining acceptance across the globe as the gold **standard for assessing individuals for immigration, residential or academic purposes.**
- This rapidly increasing worldwide popularity is due to the fact that the **PTE is completely computer based** with minimal human intervention.
- PTE is the **first entirely computer-based**, powered by AI technology, PTE Academic provides a fast and convenient testing solution without human bias.
- PTE is more accurate way of testing non-native English language students who enter the English-speaking world.
- PTE Academic is designed to test your English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.
- There are three timed parts:
  1. Speaking and writing
  2. Reading
  3. Listening
- Each part may contain a number of sections. Each section is individually timed.
- The test takes approximately two hours to complete including an un-timed introduction to the test in the beginning.
- PTE Academic is a **3-hour long, computer based assessment** of a person's English language ability in an academic context.

## Why PTE:

### Familiarity

- Becoming a widely accepted language assessment tool.
- Sense of familiarity that the individual feels while taking the test.
- Test assesses the individual's use of the English language in practical everyday situations.

### Easy Availability & Quick Results

- 200 centres on a global scale, in more than 50 countries.
- Lightning fast results – Assessment in just 2 days max.

### Well known across the Globe

- Well known across the globe in several countries
- Language assessment test for immigration and professional hiring, and not just for assessing a student's language skills.

### Secure Marking

- Fully computerised assessment tool.
- No human intervention - No room for human error in marking
- Candidates can rest assured that their results will be purely based on their performance in the test and their skills.

### Which universities across the world accept the PTE score?

- PTE Academic is valid at thousands of universities across the world.
- Even the most renowned and internationally acclaimed institutions like INSEAD, Harvard Business School, and Yale accepts the PTE score for their various in-campus professional courses.
- **Australian government also considers PTE Academic valid for immigration purposes.**

## About PTE:

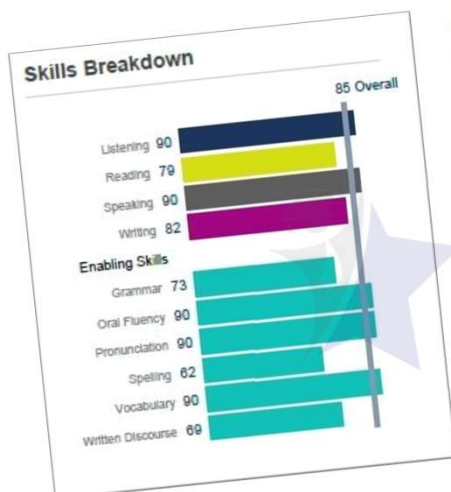
- The test assesses an individual's communicative skills through questions using authentically-sourced material and in addition provides feedback on enabling skills.

- **Communicative Skills:**

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking skills

- **Enabling Skills:**

- Oral Fluency
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Written Discourse
- Pronunciation
- Spelling



### Communicative Skills

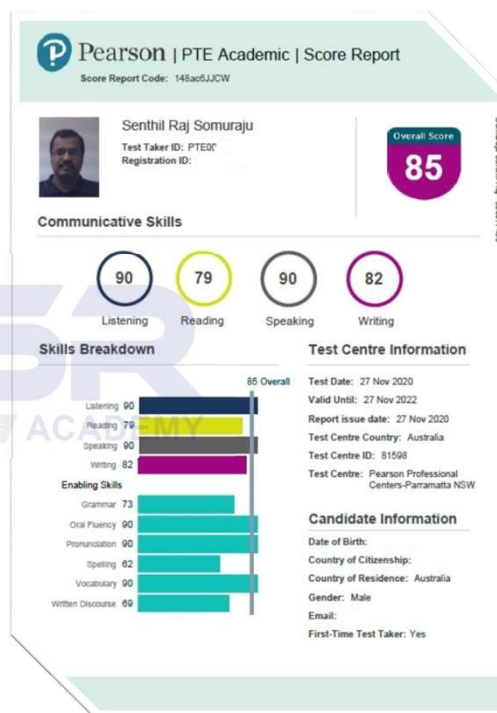


## PTE Academic Score Card:

The PTE Academic score card has

3 sections namely:

- Test Taker's personal information with photo & Test Details
- Overall Score
- Skills Profile - A detailed performance



### Personal Information:

- **Test Taker ID:** The ID generated at the time of creating the account with Pearson. It will remain same for your every test booking.
- **Country of Citizenship:** Which country's citizenship the test-taker holds
- **Country of Residence:** Which country the test-taker is residing in
- **Gender:** The gender of the test-taker
- **Email address:** The email address provided by the test-taker at the time of booking the test
- **Registration ID:** The ID generated when you book a date for the PTE test. It will be unique for each test.
- **Test Date:** The date on which the test was taken
- **Test Centre Country:** The country in which the test was taken
- **Test Centre ID:** The identification number of the test centre
- **First-time test taker:** Shows whether the test-taker had taken the PTE for the first time
- **Report Issue Date:** The date on which the scorecard was issued
- **Scores Valid Until:** The validity of the PTE score card is of two years from the date of test

## PTE Academic Score:

### Overall Score:

- Ranges between 10 and 90 points
- 70-91 items from 20 different types, for each item, the score will affect the rest of the items and thus, an overall score.

### Communicative skill scores:

- Speaking, writing, listening, and reading.
- Though, each module's item belongs to the major category, it also tests the other skill.
- Each of the communicative skills scores ranges from 10 to 90 points.
- The graph in the report card will make you understand the different criteria along with their scores to reflect candidate's weakness and strength in English.

### Enabling skill scores:

- Assess the performance of the test-taker in the productive skills of writing and speaking.
- The enabling skills are classified in grammar, oral fluency, pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary, and written discourse.
- These skills also range from 10-90.

## PTE Academic Score:

### Global Scale of English

- The Global Scale of English (GSE) is internationally accepted scale to evaluate your skills for the language of English.
- PTE Academic score, along with other popular English tests such as IELTS and TOEFL, can be mentioned on the GSE.

PTE Academic	30	36	42	50	58	65	73	79	83	86
IELTS	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0

PTE Academic	38	42	46	50	53	59	64	68	72	78	84
TOEFL iBT	40-44	54-56	65-66	74-75	79-80	87-88	94	99-100	105	113	120

**Concordance methodology:** (Updated by Pearson's on 01.12.2020)

- In the mid-range -> the updated concordant scores have been minimally adjusted (the test is typically used for academic admissions purposes)
- **At IELTS 7.5 and above, the concordant PTE Academic scores are at some points higher on the scale.**
- At IELTS 6.5 and below the concordant PTE Academic scores are at some points lower on the scale

**Pearson has recently tried to clarify the confusion amidst the candidates due to its recent concordance report.**

**PTE exam pattern or scoring has not changed** – It may change in the future but everyone will be notified with ample time for preparation.

## How is PTE Scored:

All items in PTE Academic are **100% machine scored** using PTE Academic's automated scoring system.

There are two types of scoring – correct or incorrect and partial scoring.

### Correct or Incorrect:

- If responses are **correct**, a score of 1 score point will be given, but if they are **incorrect**, no score points are awarded.
- Scores for some item types are based on correctness alone.

### Partial Credit :

- Few tasks are scored as **correct, partially correct or incorrect**.
- If responses to these items are correct, the maximum score points available for each item type will be received, but if they are partly correct, some score points will be given, but less than the maximum available for the item type.
- If responses are incorrect, no score points will be received.
- The quality of the response is represented in the enabling skills.

### Total Tasks: 20

- Correct or Incorrect: 5
- Partial Credit: 15

Note: 3 out of 20 Tasks have negative marking



## System Requirements for PTE Mock Test:

### Supported Devices

- PTE Exam is computerised and performed on Desktop so the online test is designed for the Desktop/Laptop version to give a Real-Time test experience.
  - Desktop
  - Laptop



### Hardware

- Speakers and a microphone (built-in /USB plug-in / wireless)
- More than 2GB RAM

### Supported Operating System

- Microsoft Windows 10, 8.1, 8, and 7 (32- and 64-bit)
- Mac OS X 10.10 or later

### Supported Browsers

- Internet Explorer 10.0 or later
- Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari (Mac)

### Add-Ons

- Adobe Flash Player latest version

### Internet Connection

- High-speed connection recommended - Wired or wireless.

## PTE Test Structure:

Total Sections	Total Tasks	Total Q's	Total Time	Score Range
3	20	71 - 83	~2 Hour	10 – 90 Points

### PART 1 – SPEAKING & WRITING (77 – 93 minutes)

#### Personal Introduction

1. Read aloud
2. Repeat sentence
3. Describe image
4. Re-tell lecture
5. Answer short question

#### 6. Summarize written text

7. Essay

### PART 2 – READING (32 – 40 minutes)

8. MCQ Single Answer
9. MCQ Multiple Answer
10. Re-order paragraphs
11. Reading Fill in the blanks
12. Reading & Writing Fill in the blanks

### PART 3 – LISTENING (45 – 47 minutes)

13. Summarize spoken text
14. MCQ Single Answer
15. Fill in the Blanks
16. Highlight Correct Summary
17. MCQ Multiple Answer
18. Select Missing Word
19. Highlight Incorrect Words
20. Write from Dictation

## PTE Task Details:

Task Name		Task Details
Speaking	RA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to read aloud the text displayed on screen.</li> </ul>
	RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to repeat the sentence exactly what you hear in the audio clip.</li> </ul>
	DI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to describe the image displayed on screen.</li> </ul>
	RL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll hear an academic lecture that you need to repeat in your own words.</li> </ul>
	ASQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will have to answer the question in one or a few words.</li> </ul>
Writing	SWT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to summarize the given passage in one sentence.</li> </ul>
	Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to write an essay on a given topic between 200 and 300 words.</li> </ul>
Reading	MCQ-SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one response from many given is correct. Choose that correct one after reading the passage.</li> </ul>
	MCQ-MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More than one response is correct from many given. Choose the correct ones after reading the passage.</li> </ul>
	RP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the left hand side, many sentences or paragraphs will be placed in a random order. Drag and drop them to the right side in a correct order.</li> </ul>
	RFIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The passage appearing on the screen will have several gaps. Below the passage you have different words. Drag and drop the words that you think are correct and fill the blanks.</li> </ul>
	RWFIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From a drop down box, choose the correct word that you think should be the correct answer for the sentence with the gap.</li> </ul>
Listening	SST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down a summary of 50-70 words after listening to an audio clip.</li> </ul>
	MCQ-MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple options are given on your screen and you need to choose more than one option based on the audio clip you hear. You need to select all the options that you think are true for the recording.</li> </ul>
	FIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The audio clip played should be matched with the transcription written on the screen. You will need to fill in the blanks that the transcription has. You fill the blanks as you hear the audio.</li> </ul>
	HCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After listening to the audio, you need to select the paragraph that perfectly summarizes the matter spoken in the recording.</li> </ul>
	MCQ-SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording by selecting one response</li> </ul>
	SMW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The recording will be played with a missing word or words. From the given options, you need to select the missing part.</li> </ul>
	HIW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to select the word from the written transcript that is different from the speech in the audio clip. Left-clicking is used to highlight the word.</li> </ul>
	WFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen carefully to the sentence spoken. You need to type the sentence with exact words spoken.</li> </ul>