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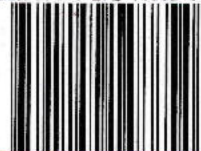
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- Two complete practice tests
- Detailed overviews of each exam paper
- Guidance, strategies and tips on each paper
- Full-colour visual material for the Speaking tests
- A Writing Guide with model answers and useful language

This book contains new material for the *Pearson Test of English General Level 2* exam. *Pearson Test of English (PTE) General* is a six-level general English test that recognises achievement in English language learning. *PTE General* uses an integrated approach to test all four skills with a focus on communication in English. To maximise learners' chances of excelling, get even more practice for *PTE General* in the *Skills Booster* series.

COURSE LEVEL	CEFR	GSE	PTE GENERAL	CAMBRIDGE
Wider World 0	<A1/A1	10-25	Level A1	
Wider World 1	A1/A2	22-34		
Wider World 2	A2/A2+	32-42	Level 1	Key for Schools
Wider World 3	A2+/B1	40-50	Level 2	Preliminary for Schools
Wider World 4	B1/B1+	45-55		

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Pearson Test of English General at a glance

Written Test

Section	Skills	Item types	Objectives	Number of questions
1	Listening	Multiple choice	Understand the main idea of a short spoken text	10
2	Listening and Writing	Dictation	Understand and write down accurately a spoken text	–
3	Listening	Text, note completion	Understand specific information in longer spoken texts	10
4	Reading	Multiple choice/Gap fill	Understand the purpose, structure and main idea of short texts	5
5	Reading	Multiple choice	Understand the main ideas in a longer written text	5
6	Reading	Comprehension questions (short answers)	Understand the main ideas of short written texts	8
7	Reading	Text, sentence or note completion	Understand specific information in a longer written text	7
8	Writing	Write correspondence	Write a short letter, email or blog entry	–
9	Writing	Write text	Write a short text from own experience, knowledge or imagination	–

Spoken Test

Section	Skill	Item types	Objectives	Timing
10	Speaking	Monologue	Speak continuously on topics of personal information and interest	1.5 minutes
11	Speaking	Discussion	Discuss a real-life issue, taking a position either for or against	2 minutes
12	Speaking	Describe picture	Describe a picture and interpret one aspect of it	1.5 minutes
13	Speaking	Role play	Talk to resolve a problem in an everyday situation	2 minutes

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Introduction

What is Pearson Test of English General?

PTE General is a suite of six tests at different levels (A1, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5). It tests your ability in English in practical skills for real-life situations such as writing messages, understanding talks, understanding newspaper and magazine articles or taking part in conversations. PTE General tests are taken **three** times a year in May, June and December in centres all around the world:

The tests do not assume any experience of work or knowledge of the world and so are most suitable for teenagers and young adults who expect to use English in their future academic and professional lives.

Key Features

The sections and items in PTE General Level 2 are grouped together into themes or topics related to familiar and routine matters such as the home, the family, shopping, work, education, travel, entertainment. Most of the listening and reading texts are authentic and are taken from radio broadcasts, newspaper and magazine articles, telephone conversations, announcements, etc. The tests are international, so the reading and listening texts are taken from a range of English-speaking countries – the UK, the USA, Australia, etc. The four skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – are tested in an integrated way. For example, you listen to some information and write about what you have heard, or you read a text and then answer questions or complete notes based on what you have read.

Test Structure

PTE General is divided into two parts – the Written Test and the Spoken Test.

The Written Test

The Written Test of PTE General consists of nine sections and takes 1 hour and 35 minutes at Level 2.

Section 1: Listening

Section 1 consists of ten short listening texts – dialogues or monologues. Each text is followed by a question and three possible answers. You must choose the correct answer by putting a cross (X) in a box. There is a short pause before each recording for you to read the answers. This section tests your ability to understand the main idea of what someone says. You will hear the recording only once.

Section 2: Listening and Writing

Section 2 is a dictation. You will hear one person speaking and you must write down exactly what you hear with the correct spelling. You hear the recording twice, the second time with pauses to give you time to write. The passage can be a news broadcast, an announcement, instructions or factual information.

Section 3: Listening

In Section 3, you will hear two listening texts, either monologues or dialogues, and you have to complete notes for each listening using the information you have heard. There are five gaps to fill for each listening text. This section may test your ability to understand and write down detailed information including addresses, telephone numbers and website addresses. You will hear each text twice.

Section 4: Reading

In Section 4, you read five short texts, each containing a gap, and you choose which of three possible answers is the missing word or phrase that fills the gap. This section tests your ability to understand specific information and/or the overall meaning of the text. The reading texts can be instructions, signs, notices, advertisements, menus or announcements.

Section 5: Reading

Section 5 has one longer reading text. You read the text and answer five questions or complete five sentences from a choice of three possible answers. This section tests your understanding of the main idea of a text. The reading text can be a newspaper or magazine article, a leaflet, a brochure or a website article.

Section 6: Reading

There are two reading texts in this section. Each text is followed by four questions for you to answer using a word or a short phrase. They test your understanding of the main points of the texts. The types of reading can be articles from newspapers or magazines, leaflets, brochures or website articles.

Section 7: Reading

In Section 7, you read a text and use the information to fill in seven gaps in sentences or set of notes. This section tests your understanding of specific detailed information you have read. The reading text can be an email, letter, advertisement, newspaper or magazine article, or a section from a website or textbook.

Section 8: Writing

Section 8 is a writing test. You have to write a piece of correspondence – an email or a formal or informal letter – based on the information that you have read in Section 7. At Level 2, you have to write 70–90 words. In your letter or email, you are expected to ask for more information or to express your opinion on the subject. The topics in this section deal with things of everyday interest, including travel, the family, holidays, work, hobbies and current events.

Section 9: Writing

In Section 9, you will be asked to write a text from your own experience, knowledge or imagination. The text to write at Level 2 is 100–150 words long. You will be asked to write a text which gives your point of view, explains advantages and disadvantages, or develops an argument. There is a choice between two topics.

The Spoken Test

The Spoken Test of PTE General consists of four sections and takes 7 minutes at Level 2.

Section 10: Speaking

In the first part of the Test, the examiner will ask you a question and you have to talk about yourself for about a minute. You will talk about your interests, hobbies, the sports you take part in, the films or books you like, or about things you have done in the past. The examiner may ask you further questions to find out more information.

Section 11: Speaking

In Section 11, you will be asked to give your opinions and ideas about a subject suggested by the examiner, and to support your ideas. The examiner will take the opposite point of view for the discussion. The topics will include subjects of everyday interest, for example, the advantages of mobile phones, holidays at the beach or in the mountains, fast food, living in the city or in the country. The discussion will be for about 2 minutes.

Section 12: Speaking

In Section 12, you will be shown a picture and asked to describe it. First, you will be asked to describe what you can see in the picture and then you will be asked to describe one part of it in detail or to give your opinion about what is happening in the picture. You will have about 1.5 minutes to do this.

Section 13: Speaking

The final section of the Spoken Test is a role play. You will be given a card with details of your role, a situation and some instructions. The situation contains a problem which you have to solve by talking to the examiner, for example, making a complaint in a restaurant or refusing an invitation. This section of the Test takes about 2 minutes.

Exam Practice: PTE General

The *Exam Practice: PTE General* series has been specially written to help you become familiar with the format and content of the PTE General Test. The books contain two full practice tests, plus exam and writing guide sections to help you to improve your general level of English as well as your score in the test. Level 2 contains:

- Two *Practice Tests* for both the Written Test and the Spoken Test, the first of which has tips and strategies on how to approach the questions.
- A *Wordlist* with those words and phrases in the tests that you may need help with. Each item is followed by a definition.
- An *Exam Guide* with advice on how to approach each section and deal with particular problems that might occur.
- A *Writing Guide* which concentrates on the writing tasks you will meet in the tests, giving example answers, writing tips and useful language.