

## PTE Speaking Practice test 8

### Personal Introduction

Read the prompt below. In 25 seconds, you must reply in your own words, as naturally and clearly as possible. You have 30 seconds to record your response. Your response will be sent together with your score report to the institutions selected by you.

Please introduce yourself. For example, you could talk about one or more of the following:

1. Your interests
2. Your plans for future study
3. Why you want to study abroad
4. Why you need to learn English
5. Why you chose this test

### Question 1 : Read Aloud

Look at the text below. In 40 seconds, you must read this aloud as naturally and clearly as possible. You have 40 seconds to read this text aloud:

Microbes:

Investigators also compared those microbes with those living in 52 other soil samples taken from all around the planet. The park has organisms that also exist in deserts, frozen tundra, forests, rainforests and prairies. Antarctica was the only area that had microbes that did not overlap with those found in Central Park. Only a small percentage of the park's microbes were found to be already listed in databases.

Pain patients:

Some of the pain patients may become hooked. Or their meds may find their way to friends or relatives who take them recreationally. Or a prescription opioid user may transition to heroin. Heroin is just another opioid drug, so the brain doesn't distinguish whether it comes from a pharmacy or from a street drug dealer.

Prescriptions:

So there's tremendous availability of prescriptions. There are some 260 million prescriptions written each year for opioids. They're not tablets, and they're prescriptions. So it's millions and millions of them, and some of them are available for diversion and used inappropriately.

Nectar:

Scientists say this is the first documented instance of nectar that attracts a particular animal being produced outside of a nursery. In fact, the observed nectar bleeding might actually be an early system that evolved to include the nectarines found in other plants today. A process that, though not short, was certainly sweet.

Study:

Investigations like this one have been plodding along for 40 years, and some studies-like one following the deadly Kobe quake in 1995- have found similar correlations. But study author Alasdair Skelton, a professor of geochemistry at Stockholm University, says the unpredictable study subject makes it tough to get funding because you can in no way guarantee a result. So I get three years of money, but if there's no earthquake, there's no result.

Portrait:

In 1861, Matthew Brady, a well-known portrait photographer, approached President Lincoln requesting permission to move freely about the country photographing the Civil War. Lincoln granted him permission to travel anywhere with the Union armies, and his record of this conflict brought home to millions the horrors of war.

Leadership:

The most powerful among these were the Mthethwa under the leadership of Dingiswayo, who radically changed some aspects of traditional life during his reign. Formerly, military activity was based on local recruitment; men from a district would fight together under their chief.

## Question 2 : Repeat Sentence

You will hear some sentences in this [audio](#). Please repeat each sentence exactly as you hear it. You will hear each sentence once only.

## Question 3 : Describe Image

Look at the diagram below. In 25 seconds, please speak what it is showing. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

Image 1

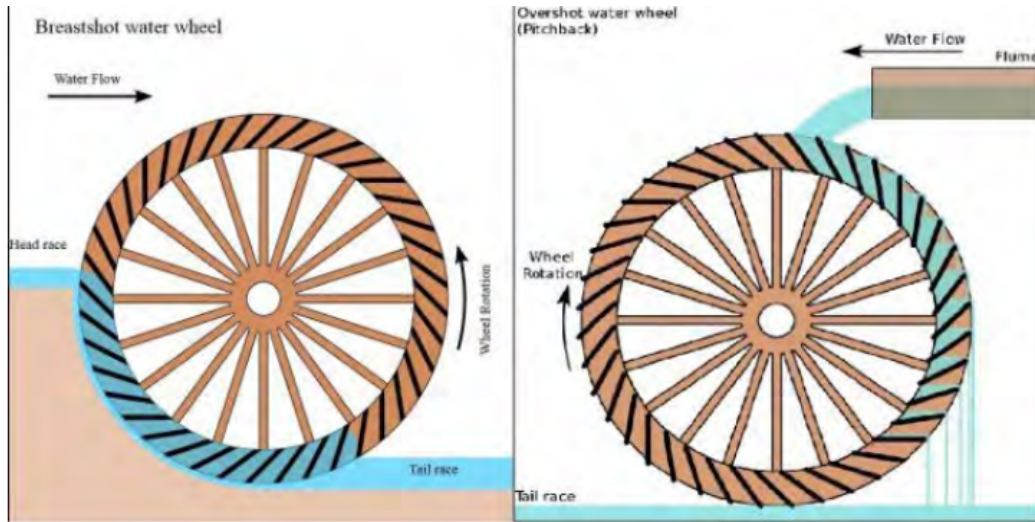
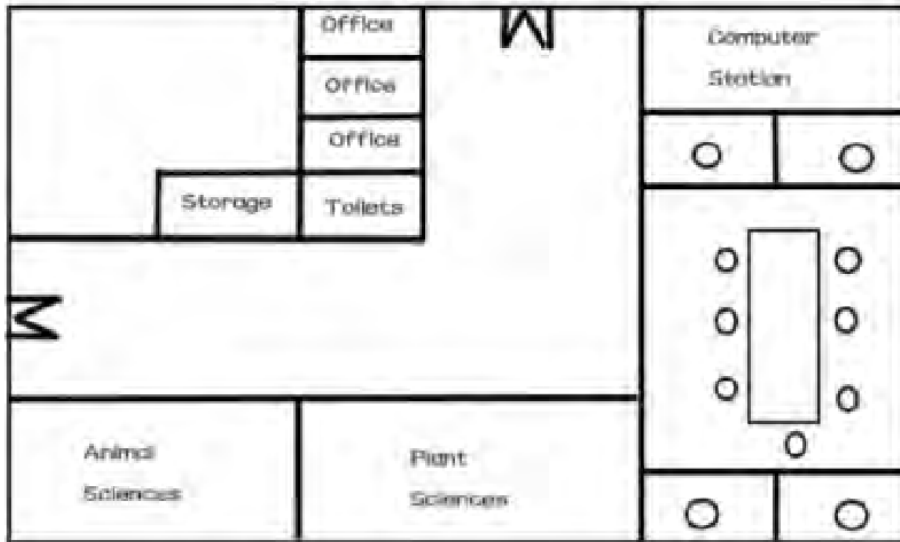


Image 2



Image 3

### The Graduation Laboratory



#### Question 4 : Retell Lecture

You will hear a lecture. After listening to it, in 10 seconds, please tell what you have just heard from the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

Play the [audio](#) to listen to the related recording.

Item 1:



**Question 5 : Answer Short Questions**

Play the [audio](#) to listen to the related recording. You will hear some questions. Please give a simple and short answer to each one. Often just one or a few words are enough.

# Sample Answers:

## Personal Introduction

My name is ....., I was born and raised in ....., and I am ....years old. I have completed my graduation in ..... . Some of my favorite activities are .....(hobbies)..... . I want to relocate to Canada to obtain a degree in .....(course)..... in order to expand my career prospects. I'm taking the PTE Academic exam as part of a requirement to assess my English proficiency in order to attain my objectives.

## Question 2 : Repeat Sentence

1. I'm glad you got here safely.
2. Hemoglobin carries oxygen from the lungs to the other parts of the body.
3. In our consortium, students have access to 13 libraries.
4. Leading scientists speculate that numerous planets could support life forms.
5. I am pleased to report that many topics have been involved in this lecture.
6. If you need help maybe I can give you a hand.
7. You must go to the reception to pick up your student card.
8. A science-based approach is vital for effective advancements.
9. During the second term, you are supposed to submit one essay per week.
10. The lecture was meant to start at 10.

## Question 3 : Describe Image

### Image 1

The image mentioned on the screen demonstrates the water wheel. The Overshot water wheel and Breastshot water wheel are the two types of water wheels mentioned here. Water flows from left to right in the Breastshot water wheel. However, the water runs from right to left in an Overshot water wheel. Both water wheels are made up of various components. While the overshot water wheels' movement is in a clockwise orientation, the water wheel's rotation in the Breastshot is anticlockwise. Trail racing is present on both wheels. The water in the Overshot wheel came from the flame; in contrast, the water in the Breastshot wheel came from the hand race.

### Image 2

The given image shows the information about the composition of the Finnish Parliament. To begin, we can observe that the legislature has 200 seats, with different parties holding varied proportions of seats. According to the picture, the KESK Center Party is the largest party, with

26 per cent of the seats, and the KOK National Coalition Party is the second largest. Last but not least, the Swedish People's Party (SFP) is the smallest of the parties. Finally, another political party holds 6% of the seats.

### Image 3

The provided image is about the graduation laboratory floor plan. In this photograph, we can see three offices immediately next to each other, followed by a storage room and toilets adjacent to each other. The northwest side of the structure houses the offices, storage, and restrooms. The animal science area is in the southwest corner of the floor, followed by the plant science portion in the south. There is also a computer station on the northeast side of the floor. In the south-east corner, there are various conference rooms.

### Question 4 : Retell Lecture

#### Transcription:

A mild form of hallucination is known as a disturbance and can occur in most of the senses above. These may be things like seeing movement in peripheral vision or hearing faint noises and/or voices. Auditory hallucinations are very common in schizophrenia. They may be benevolent (telling the good subject things about themselves) or malicious, cursing the subject etc. Auditory hallucinations of the malicious type are frequently heard, for example, people talking about the subject behind his/her back. Like auditory hallucinations, the source of the visual counterpart can also be behind the subject's back. Their visual counterpart is the feeling of being looked at or stared at, usually with malicious intent. Frequently, auditory hallucinations and their visual counterpart are experienced by the subject.

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### Question 5 : Answer Short Questions

1. If telescopes are used to locate distant objects, what instrument is employed to magnify minuscule objects?

Ans: Microscope

2. If there are 8 black balls and 1 white ball in a jar, and I randomly pick one, which color is most likely to be picked?

Ans: Black

3. If you are feeling fed up, is it a positive or a negative feeling?

Ans: A negative feeling

4. What do you call the number of people living in a specific area?

Ans: Population

5. What do you call a person that can't hear?

Ans: Deaf