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WRITTEN PRACTICE TEST 1

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Please check the table below for the total time given to complete the written test at this level and score points available for each section. Please use the accompanying audio files for sections 1–3. Answer keys and transcripts are provided at the back of this document.

Section	Skills	Score points	Level A1	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	Listening	10	1 hour 15 mins	1 hour 35 mins	1 hour 35 mins	2 hours	2 hours 30 mins	2 hours 55 mins
2	Listening and writing	10						
3	Listening	10						
4	Reading	5						
5	Reading	5						
6	Reading	8						
7	Reading	7						
8	Writing	10						
9	Writing	10						

The written test is scored out of 75 points in total at all levels. Please see the Guide to PTE General at this level for further information.

Please note: The design of the practice tests is not identical to actual PTE General tests, however the content is equivalent.

This is the Pearson Test of English General Practice Test, to prepare for the Pearson English International Certificate, Level 3.

This test takes 2 hours.

SECTION 1

You will have ten seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option

Put a cross ☒ in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

Example: Listen to the conversation. Who are the speakers?

- ☐ A Friends
- ☐ B Colleagues
- ☒ C Boss and employee

1. Listen to the conversation. Who are the speakers?

- ☐ A In a supermarket
- ☐ B In a café
- ☐ C On a bus

2. Listen to the two people talking. What do they say about their recent holiday?

- ☐ A It was good
- ☐ B It was bad
- ☐ C It was OK

3. Listen to the two people talking. What did they think of the film?

- ☐ A The man enjoyed it more than the woman
- ☐ B The woman enjoyed it more than the man
- ☐ C They enjoyed it more or less the same

4. Listen to the man speaking. What is his job?

- ☐ A gardener
- ☐ B cashier
- ☐ C postman

5. Listen to the conversation. Why is the woman learning Italian?

- ☐ A for a holiday
- ☐ B for work
- ☐ C for fun

6. Listen to the recorded announcement. Where did this announcement take place?

- ☐ A At a supermarket
- ☐ B At a fast food restaurant
- ☐ C At a railway station.

7. Listen to the conversation about lecture topics. What is next week's talk going to be about?

- ☐ A Blues
- ☐ B Jazz
- ☐ C Classical Music

8. Listen to two people speaking. What sport are they talking about?

- ☐ A tennis
- ☐ B football
- ☐ C swimming

9. Listen to the weather forecast. Which part of the country will have the best weather today?

- ☐ A The south
- ☐ B The north
- ☐ C The west and central

10. Listen to the conversation between two women. Where does this conversation take place?

- ☐ A shopping mall
- ☐ B shoe shop
- ☐ C school

SECTION 2

You will hear a recording about a movie. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.

SECTION 3 (PART A)

You will hear part of a radio programme about a young man called Kaspar Hauser. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the recording. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Kaspar Hauser first seen in Nuremberg in *1828*

12. He wasn't able to _____ like other people.
13. When he arrived in Nuremberg he was aged about _____.
14. As a child he was imprisoned in _____.
15. As a child he ate _____.
16. There was a rumour that he was a member of the _____.

SECTION 3 (PART B)

You will hear an announcement at a train station. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the announcement. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: The person speaking is *Station Manager*

17. The cancelled train was due to leave at _____.
18. The train is _____ coaches long.
19. You can get a coffee in coach _____.
20. The train for Chester leaves from platform _____.
21. Platform doors close _____ before trains leave the station.

SECTION 4

Read each section of the test and put a cross by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example: Welcome to Mike's guitar workshop!

Guitar Hero

My name is Mike and I'm a guitar technician based in Leeds, West Yorkshire. I do general guitar tech jobs & guitar _____. I also sell quality second hand guitars and basses (and buy quality second hand guitars too).

- [ ] A solos
- [x] B repairs
- [ ] C strings

22. WHY TRAVEL WITH US

Falcon Tours is for people just like you: naturalists who love being out there. We are _____ to show you all lots of wonderful places in the Neotropics and Antarctica. Click 'contact' below for more information.

- [ ] A unable
- [ ] B determined
- [ ] C eager

23. OUR COFFEE

Coffee is such an integral part of everyday life that few of us stop to think what goes into growing the beans that make this _____ beverage. Let us tell you more – over a cup of coffee!

- [ ] A common
- [ ] B popular
- [ ] C typical

24. Stunning quality

Our mirrorless cameras combine _____ compacts and DSLRs to deliver superb quality photos and movies that are packed with detail, colour and atmosphere - even in low-light conditions. Contact us now for a demo.

- ☐ A the best of
- ☐ B all of the
- ☐ C the most distinct

25. Dry Cat Food

For a balanced diet, our range of dry cat food is the ideal addition to your cat's diet. They're the _____ choice to ensure your cat can snack when hungry, as they'll never lose quality or taste.

- ☐ A realistic
- ☐ B perfect
- ☐ C conscious

26. Four Seasons

Under the skill of Manchester's own Frank Spenser, the Midland Hotel's 'Four Seasons' restaurant has _____ 4 City Stars and has been named one of the top 15 restaurants in the UK.

- ☐ A awarded
- ☐ B found
- ☐ C received

SECTION 5

Read the article and answer the questions below. Put a cross ☒ in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

Laura Ashley

For more than half a century her name has been associated with classic English style but Laura Ashley was Welsh through and through. She rose from humble beginnings in a small Welsh village to become the owner of a multi-million-pound fashion and furnishings empire, with shops all over the world carrying her name.

Laura was born in 1925, in Merthyr Tydfil. She became a top British designer and was known for her traditional, Victorian-style prints on natural fabrics, which she used to create household furnishings, linens, and women's clothing. By the time of her death there were more than 220 Laura Ashley shops worldwide.

In 1953 she began her design business in her own house in Pimlico, London. She started by using silk screens to create place mats and scarves and went on to design dresses, curtains, decorative accessories, wallpaper, and tiles.

The Ashleys moved to Surrey and then, in the late 1950s, to Carno, Wales, site of what became the world headquarters of their expanding operations. Wales played a huge part in her success: her first retail outlet had opened in Machynlleth in 1961, with a factory following two years later in Carno.

Her husband Bernard Ashley handled the engineering and financial aspects of the business, and Laura created the designs, noted for their flowery, lace-covered appearances, suggestive of traditional English country manners and ways. The couple moved into retailing in 1967, with the opening of their first shop in Kensington, London. This enterprise was followed by shops all over Britain and in Canada, Australia, continental Europe and the United States.

At the age of 60 Laura had a nasty accident while visiting her daughter in the Cotswolds, in England. She slipped and fell down the stairs. She was taken to hospital but never recovered consciousness. Her company still bears her name but is now owned by a Malaysian business group called MUI.

Source: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Laura-Ashley
Status: authentic – modified for length. One or two words changed for level

Example: Laura Ashley

- [x] A was born in Wales.
- [ ] B came from a rich family.
- [ ] C travelled all over the world.

27. People first knew Laura Ashley for

- [ ] A the fabrics and clothing she designed.
- [ ] B her prints of Queen Victoria.
- [ ] C the number of shops she opened.

28. The first items she sold

- [ ] A were printed on silk.
- [ ] B were created at home.
- [ ] C were articles of furniture.

29. Her first attempt to sell to the public

- [ ] A took place in 1950.
- [ ] B didn't work out.
- [ ] C was in Machynlleth.

30. Laura's design style

- [ ] A included fancy natural images and patterns.
- [ ] B made her famous outside the United Kingdom.
- [ ] C reflected her own peaceful rural upbringing.

31. The Laura Ashley company today

- [ ] A no longer exists.
- [ ] B still carries her name.
- [ ] C is now called MUI.

SECTION 6

Read the extract from a website below and answer the questions.

The Tower of London

The Tower of London was founded by King William the Conqueror. After his coronation on Christmas Day, 1066, William hastily ordered the construction of a wooden fortress between the Thames and the old Roman wall which then surrounded London.

William began the building of what is now called as the White Tower ten years later. This was a rectangular stone tower, designed as an impregnable fortress and as an impressive and awesome demonstration of his power to the Londoners.

The White Tower consisted of three floors and contains the austere Norman Chapel of St. John, which remains one of the best preserved examples of a Norman chapel in England. The present castle, now covering eighteen acres grew around the Conqueror's original tower, being added to by successive generations.

Example: When did King William decide to build the tower? *1066*

32. When did construction start? .....

33. What shape was the White tower? .....

34. What did King William want to show the people with the White Tower?

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35. How big is the Tower of London today? .....

Read the advertisement below and answer the questions.

New AIRPIX Camera.

This new lightweight aerial camera uses drone technology to make sure you can throw away that selfie stick and still take the perfect photo. AIRPIX is a personal camera packed with features to make it easy to capture any moment and share it online.

Smaller than a standard cell phone, AIRPIX takes 12 MP photos and shoots full high quality video at 30 fps. It can fly, focus, take your photo and share it across social media. With one-touch flight and gesture control you'll be able to photograph even the most challenging angles without even using your phone.

AIRPIX can take either 5, 10, or 15 photos for every 10 seconds of flight time. And it can record video, meaning you can use AIRPIX to live stream events.

Example: What do you no longer need with the new AIRPIX camera? *Selfie stick*

36. What is the camera compared to in size? .....
37. Where does it suggest you might want to send your pictures? .....
38. How many photo speeds does the camera have? .....
39. What does the text suggest you might want to film? .....

SECTION 7

Read the article and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the brochure.

Home composting made easy

Home composting is a fantastic way of turning organic garden and household waste into fabulous plant food to boost growth in your garden.

Composting is a slow, natural process that sees nature work on waste to break down organic material. It turns it into a rich, dark soil conditioner that is full of elements that are essential for helping plants and vegetables to grow.

For successful home composting you'll need to invest in a shop-bought compost bin or you can make your own. If you're handy at doing things yourself, then I suggest you get your hands on some old wooden boards for the four sides and layer the bottom of your pile with old cardboard. Cover the top with an old carpet, mat or cloth to keep in the heat and aid the composting process.

You should place your compost pile on open, bare soil or grass and somewhere which is easily accessible - even during bad weather. Learn what can and cannot be composted. You don't want to fill your bin with things that will be bad for your plants, so learn what is compostable and what isn't.

Generally all uncooked green waste is perfect. Nothing cooked and absolutely no meat should be added. Egg shells are grand but they should be smashed up as much as possible before they are deposited in your bin.

The composting process can take up to twelve months. However, it can work much faster if you insulate the pile well and use material that breaks down quickly. Cutting up your brown waste as you add it to the compost pile really helps When the compost looks dark and rich and feels evenly soft in the hand it is generally ready for use.

Aid the process by layering your pile with leaves, branches, grass cuttings, household green waste, tea bags, coffee grains and more. And if it looks like your compost pile needs a little help, add in some compost maker.

Composting time varies and will depend on the frequency of mixing, the mixture of materials used and also on weather conditions. It can be ready in as little as a few months or may take as long as 12-24 months.

Source: https://blog.countrylife.ie/gardening/outdoor-gardening/home-composting-made-easy/
Status: Authentic but adapted for length and lexis.

Example: Composting converts _____ into food for your plants and vegetables. *waste*

40. The process of composting organic waste is _____.
41. You can make your own compost bin or _____.
42. Make sure your compost bin is in an _____ place.
43. Break up your _____ before putting them in the bin.
44. You can speed up the composting process if you _____ the piled waste.
45. You can sometimes improve the process by the use of a _____.
46. If you are lucky your compost mixture may be usable in only _____.

SECTION 8

Use the information in **Section 7** to help you write your answer.
Use your own words.

47. You have just read the article about composting. Now write an email to a friend. **Write 90–120** words and include the following information:

- Why you want to start composting
- What composting consists of
- If he wants to do the same and why/why not

SECTION 9

48. Choose **one** of the topics below and write your answer **in 150–200 words**.

Either: A – Many young people take a year off between leaving school and starting university. This is called a 'Gap Year'. Do you think this is a good idea?

A ☐

Or: B – Should mobile phones be allowed in the classroom? What do you think? Write an essay. Give reasons and examples to support your ideas.

B ☐

Put a cross ☒ in the box next to the task you have chosen.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside of the box.