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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: Where are the speakers?

- A at home
- B at a restaurant
- C on a university campus

1. Where is the woman going?

- A her workplace
- B the hospital
- C a holiday

2. What job does the woman do now?

- A Costume designer
- B Television producer
- C Casting director

3. Which market is being discussed?

- A labour market
- B money market
- C property market

4. What job does the speaker describe?

- A designer
- B politician
- C journalist

5. What does the speaker want Sarah to do?

- A lend him something
- B feel happier
- C offer more support

6. Where are the speakers?

- A a coffee shop
- B a university
- C a technology company

7. What are the speakers preparing for?

- A sales pitch
- B management meeting
- C job interview

8. What is the course about?

- A Politics
- B Psychology
- C Sociology

9. What feeling does the speaker describe?

- A regret
- B surprise
- C happiness

10. Who would the speakers like to invite to the event?

- A other colleagues
- B other alumni
- C other family members

SECTION 2



You will hear a recording about sewing. 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 a conversation. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the conversation.
You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Bromswich Town Hall reopening is part of *East side redevelopment*

12. Town Hall's repair and modernization has cost _____
13. _____ have created artworks for area around Town Hall.
14. Local council want to create _____
15. There will be a _____ outside the Town Hall.
16. Information about reopening displayed on _____.

SECTION 3 (PART B)



You will hear a talk. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the talk.
You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Traffic cones are also often called *construction cones*.

17. Appearance varies, but all traffic cones are _____
18. Originally made out of _____
19. First used in UK in _____
20. They _____ cars on roads.
21. _____ have been created to commemorate traffic cones.

SECTION 4

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

Example: Join the university gym today for just £15 per month.

One of our _____ will show you the ropes, telling you the most effective and safe way to build muscle and increase stamina.

A instructors

B lecturers

C members

22. HORNSBURY CYCLING CLUB.

Meetings Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 6pm. All levels of ability welcome. For safety, all riders must wear a _____.

A lifejacket

B thermal vest

C helmet

23. YOU ARE WHAT YOU DRINK...

Please ensure you do not drop litter in this area. This _____ is your drinking water.

A suburb

B reservoir

C dam

24. FRIDAY'S GUEST SPEAKER: JESSICA CLARKE.

Ms Clarke is a specialist in _____ and a number of other string instruments. She will discuss music history and give a short performance. Tickets: \$8

- A trumpet
- B violin
- C flute

25. MIDLAND ADVENTURE PARK.

You do not need to wait until winter or worry about the price of flights anymore. Take to the slopes, even on a sunny day, when you visit our new indoor _____ centre. Visit www.midlandpark.com for information.

- A climbing
- B skiing
- C ice-skating

26. VISIT CUSCO.

Located in the Andes mountain range, Cusco is a wonderful base for sightseeing and hiking.

Warning: Due to Cusco's elevation of around 3,400m, _____ is often experienced during the first few days after arrival. Plan accordingly.

- A altitude sickness
- B chronic sickness
- C travel sickness

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.

PENSION REFORMS AFFECT WOMEN'S WELLBEING

UK Pension reforms that increased State Pension age (SPA) for women are affecting the mental and physical wellbeing of some women, potentially resulting in a widening health gap between those from different socioeconomic groups, says new research led by King's College London. Since 2010, the SPA for women born after March 1950 has gradually increased from age 60 to 66. In keeping with most OECD countries, this reform aimed at improving the financial sustainability of the pension system. Yet a study into the impact of extending working lives suggests that the potential consequences of postponing the SPA for the wellbeing of older women, and potentially men, are being overlooked. "Our findings show that the rise in SPA increased employment participation, but it had unanticipated, negative health consequences for women close to retirement in the UK," says researcher Dr Ludovico Carrino. "Women exposed to routine and manual occupations face an increased risk of physical and mental illness as a result of pension postponement," says Dr Carrino. Further research is needed to establish whether a rise in pension age for men could have similar consequences as, clearly, the current one-size-fits-all approach to the SPA rise could have health implications for some employees which outweigh the potential benefits of later retirement. "We need more research that evaluates the impact of programmes aimed at creating longer fulfilling working lives not only on employment outcomes, but also on critical aspects of wellbeing for older people such as mental and physical health, particularly for those in lower occupational groups," say Professors Mauricio Avendano and Karen Glaser, co-authors of the study. There are two possible policy implications from the study. First, the fact that the negative health effects are confined to women from routine and manual jobs raises questions about fairness, and whether pension eligibility rules should consider occupation as a criterion. Second, national policies on SPA need to consider strategies to prevent negative health consequences for women in such occupations. "One such way would be to introduce inclusive labour market policies that facilitate a smooth transition to retirement," says Dr Carrino.

Source: Society Now, Spring 2019 <https://esrc.ukri.org/files/news-events-and-publications/publications/magazines/society-now/society-now-issue-34/> Page 3

Example: Which statement about the UK's state pension age is true?

- A It has fallen.
- B It has risen.
- C It has not changed.

27. According to research, who may experience the most adverse effects of pension reform?

- A Women in manual jobs.
- B Women from middle-class families.
- C Women with high socioeconomic status.

28. Research has revealed that

- A women and men experience the effects of pension reforms in the same way.
- B there has been a failure to notice the impact of pension reforms on health.
- C numerous researchers now study how pension reforms affect wellbeing.

29. According to the passage, which effect of pension reforms was anticipated?

- A increased employment participation
- B increased reports of physical health problems
- C increased risk of mental illness

30. Two academics would like to see further research that considers

- A how much to extend the state pension age for male workers.
- B the clearest way to promote a one-size-fits-all approach to state pensions.
- C both positive and negative effects of increasing the state pension age.

31. Which of these is a policy implication of the study described in the passage?

- A National policies should prevent woman being confined to manual jobs.
- B The government should consider varying pension age according to job type.
- C New government policies should help women better understand their health.

SECTION 6

Read the article below and answer the questions.

ONLINE URBAN DESIGN POSSIBILITIES

A new online design and crowdsourcing platform developed by a European-wide partnership including University College London demonstrates a way of enabling members of the public to participate in creating, sharing and voting on design ideas for the regeneration of public spaces. The Incubators of Public Spaces project explored ways to encourage community input into the urban design of public spaces. In the project, residents of Pollards Hill housing estate, London Borough of Merton, were invited to redesign their courtyards using the newly developed platform and a 3D interactive model. The Incubators of Public Spaces initiative identified opportunities to make grassroots initiatives more accessible to a wider audience but researchers also noted challenges arising from, for example, IT literacy constraints.

Source: Society Now, Spring 2019 <https://escr.ukri.org/files/news-events-and-publications/publications/magazines/society-now/society-now-issue-34/> Page 6

Example: What are being explored online? *Urban design possibilities*

32. What part of the world are the participating institutions from?

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33. Whose help with improving public spaces does the project hope to gain?

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34. What part of the Pollards Hill estate was redesigned online?

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35. The lack of which skill may be a barrier to widening participation in the project?

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Read the article below and answer the questions.

WHAT IS YOUTUBE PREMIUM?

YouTube Premium is a subscription service designed to offer heavy YouTube users additional content and services designed to make their viewing experience better.

Luke Hyams explains that much of this comes down to functions that aren't currently available on the free YouTube site and app.

"If they're big fans of music and use YouTube for music, they'll get a brand new music app," he explains. "If they love the main YouTube platform, they'll get the ability to have seamless plays without adverts, to download videos and to also listen to videos with the screen of your phone off or in other apps."

But that's not all. In addition to the new functions, YouTube Premium members will get access to exclusive shows, content that won't be available anywhere else.

Source: <https://www.radiotimes.com/news/on-demand/2018-11-13/youtube-premium-uk-guide-cost-original-shows-features-music-streaming-downloads/>

Example: What kind of service is YouTube Premium? *subscription*

36. Who is it created specifically for?

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37: What is it designed to enhance?

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38. What does the free YouTube site but not YouTube Premium have?

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39. What content does YouTube Premium offer that is not available anywhere else?

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SECTION 7

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

BECOMING PRESIDENT

In order to be elected president, a person must meet the eligibility requirements laid out in the Constitution. After that, the person must secure his or her political party's nomination. Finally, he or she must face a demanding campaign and election process.

Eligibility

According to the Constitution anyone who wishes to become president must be:

- At least thirty-five years old
- A resident of the United States for at least fourteen years
- A natural-born citizen

The last requirement has caused some confusion and controversy. According to U.S. law, a child born abroad to parents who are American citizens is also a citizen, but it is not clear from the Constitution whether such a person could be president. The courts have not ruled on whether an American citizen born outside of the United States may be president. A variety of people have tried to amend the Constitution to allow citizens born abroad to be president, but so far they have had no success.

America's Youngest President

Even though the Constitution allows anyone at least thirty-five years old to be president, every American president thus far has been much older: The average age of presidents at inauguration is fifty-four. Most people think that John F. Kennedy was the nation's youngest president—he was forty-three when elected in 1960—but that's not accurate. In reality, Kennedy was the youngest person to be elected president. The youngest person to be president, however, was Theodore Roosevelt, who was forty-two when he became president following the assassination of William McKinley in 1901.

Campaigning

The major parties select their presidential nominee at their national conventions, held every four years. At the conventions, delegates from each state vote and whichever candidate wins a majority of delegates becomes the party's nominee. To win delegates, candidates compete in primary elections, held in each state prior to the convention. Before acquiring the party nomination, a presidential candidate must prove that he or she can attract voters by winning primaries.

The general election pits each party's nominees against each other. Candidates can usually rely on the support of voters from their own party, so the campaign is frequently a competition for independent voters. The candidates travel to battleground states to hold rallies, aimed at both turning out their own base and persuading undecided voters to support them.

Source: <https://www.sparknotes.com/us-government-and-politics/american-government/the-presidency/section2/page/2/>

Example: A president must satisfy *eligibility requirements*

40. _____ describes three conditions for becoming president.
41. Minimum age for presidents is _____
42. It is uncertain if an American who was born _____ can become president.
43. _____ is the youngest president selected by the American public.
44. Presidential nominees are chosen by _____ representing different places in the US.
45. _____ demonstrates that a presidential candidate can attract voters.
46. Attracting _____ is key to winning general election.

SECTION 8

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

Use your own words.

47. You have read a passage about becoming president. Now write an email to a friend about what you think makes a successful political leader.

Write 90 to 120 words and include the following information:

- The best way to attract voters
- Personal characteristics of successful leaders
- Challenges politicians must overcome

SECTION 9

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

Either: A – You read this notice on your college website and decide to write a response.

Web Recommendations

We're looking for people who can share recommendations for the best websites on the internet. Tell us about your favourite website, what it provides, and why you would recommend it to others.

A

Or: B – Write an essay in response to the following question.

Although the internet has made it easier to access information, it has not made it easier to access trustworthy information.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

B

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

Write your answer on the next page. Do not write outside of the box.

