# PTE Speaking Practice test 9

### **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:

### Lazy thinking:

While Clichés in writing reveal lazy thinking and are to be avoided at all costs, in the graphic arts, they become essential, helping to get the message across quickly, clearly and with emotional force. This is especially true of advertising and propaganda, where the impact must be immediate.

### Solar energy:

Not all solar energy capture devices make electricity directly. For example, steam generated from solar energy can turn turbines, which then produce electricity. And, in what could be especially useful in remote regions, solar steam can desalinate water and be used in sanitation and equipment sterilization.

### Sodium channel:

A team of Johns Hopkins scientists study sodium channels responsible for electrical signalling in nerve cells from humans and from cockroaches. Spider venom protein messes with these sodium channels-which are why venom is dangerous. The researchers then use spider venom protein to disrupt the channels and thus clarify exactly how the channels function.

### Tested:

Researchers tested water and sediment at the Cedars. Some samples were dosed with mercuric chloride to kill any life present. Those dosed samples produced no methane. But the samples in which microbes were allowed to survive did put out methane, confirming that at least some of the methane at the springs is indeed biological in origin.

#### Process:

Chakraborty studied that process in large thunderstorm systems over the tropics, using data from geostationary and circumpolar satellites. He found that when more aerosols seed the air, like in places with lots of industrial or agricultural pollution, the same amount of water vapor gets absorbed by a larger number of aerosols. Meaning tinier than usual cloud particle size.

# Blockage:

But that blockage can be cleared by applying an electric field of 1600 volts per centimeter, parallel to the chocolate's flow. The effect would allow chocolatiers to cut cocoa butter by 10 to 20 percent and still not clog the pipes. The study appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

## Immune vigilance:

The problem is that increased immune vigilance has a side effect: allergies. Our speculation is that this is some kind of trade-off. In the past, you needed to resist some kind of pathogen, and the trade-off or sacrifice you have to make is increased responsiveness to nonpathogenic allergens. So next time some of you get the springtime sniffles, blame your distant ancestor, the one with the heavy brow ridge.

### **Question 2: Repeat Sentence**

You will hear some sentences in this <u>audio</u>. 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

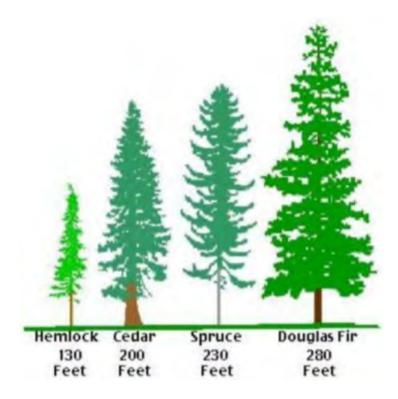
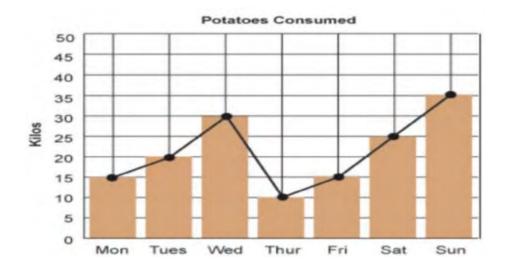


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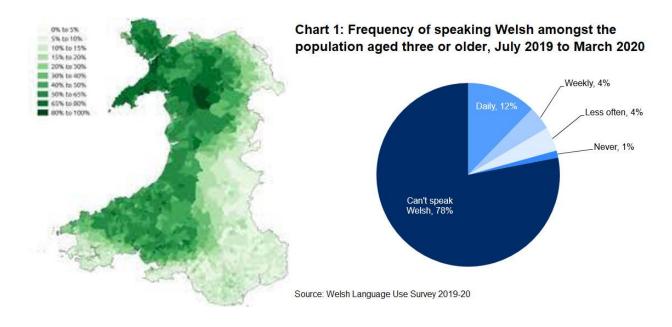


**Question 4: Retell Lecture** 

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 <u>audio</u> 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 amye	ars old. I have
completed my gradu	ation in So	ome of my favorite activities	are
(hobbies)	want to relocate to Canada	a to obtain a degree in	(course) ir
order to expand my	career prospects. I'm taking	the PTE Academic exam a	s part of a
requirement to asse	ss my English proficiency in	n order to attain my objective	es.

# **Question 2 : Repeat Sentence**

- 1. I would like to drink my coffee with sugar and milk.
- 2. You can find the students service desk located on the ground floor of the whole building.
- 3. You should include your name and identification number in the registration.
- 4. It is good for the environment and also good for your bill.
- 5. Vessels pump blood from the heart to other parts of the body.
- 6. Folk tales are passed orally from generation to generation.
- 7. A renowned economist is selected to have a speech tonight at eight.
- 8. You should go to the reception to get your student card.
- 9. Being a vegan means not consuming other animal products.
- 10. We don't accept assignments submitted after the due date.

### **Question 3 : Describe Image**

### Image 1

The given image depicts a fruit and vegetable market and provides a colourful pictorial presentation. Many different aspects can be observed about the market from this image. Apples, oranges, peaches, potatoes, brinjal, broccoli, cabbage, lemon, and other fruits and vegetables can be seen being sold. All the fruits and vegetables are displayed on green stalls covered with green roofs and blue umbrellas on certain vegetable/fruit stalls. One of the stalls on the right side of the photograph appears vacant since there are no fruits or vegetables on it. Moreover, it appears from this photograph that it is a busy day at the market since various individuals are there, including men and women.

### Image 2

The picture on the screen depicts four different types of trees. Each of the four varieties of trees has its own set of characteristics. Hemlock is the smallest of the four trees and is 130 feet tall. The next tree is Cedar which is around 200 feet tall, followed by the Spruce, which is 230 feet

tall. However, the tallest tree is the Douglas Fir, which stands roughly 280 feet tall. Overall, we can determine that the leaf density rises as the tree grows taller.

# Image 3

The provided bar graph and line graph is about potato consumption. The data of this graph is kilograms and the seven days of the week, namely, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Also, we can observe that the maximum consumption of potatoes was 35 kilos on Sundays and the lowest was 10 kilos on Thursdays.

### **Question 4: Retell Lecture**

# **Transcription:**

This busy little town is named after Sir David's first cousin. It's also a Welsh language stronghold according to the 2001 census results. 70 percent of the town's population could speak Welsh language, but even here the language may not be completely safe. The Welsh language board expects last year's census results to show a fall in the number of Welsh speakers living in its Northern and Western heartland. One of the main reasons for that the board says is migration. Many Welsh speakers are choosing to leave the country. At the same time, only a small percentage of those moving in, can speak the language or choose to learn it. Historically, over the past seventy eight years, Welsh people have continually left in order to find better standard of pay, maybe in quality of employment. And the thing that changed was probably that there is a larger amount of English people now who have found Wales over last twenty to twenty five years, particularly this corner of Wales, and they're regarded as a desirable place to come and live and as opposed to many areas of the England that people get the Cotswolds chief good as well.

# **Summary of the Lecture:**

A small busy town, whales, is named after Sir David's first cousin. The 2001 census results show that 70 percent of the town's population could speak the Welsh language, but the language may not be completely safe even here. According to the Welsh language board's latest census results, the number of Welsh speakers in the Cotswolds is expected to fall. Many Welsh speakers choose to leave the country, and only a small percentage of those moving in can speak the language or choose to learn it. Over the past seventy-eight years, Welsh people have continually left to find a better pay standard, maybe in terms of employment. Many English people, who discovered Wales just twenty years ago, regard this town as the most desirable place to come and live.

### **Question 5: Answer Short Questions**

1. What organ do cardiologists specialize in?

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Ans: Heart

2. Where do you pay for your purchases at a supermarket?

Ans: Till or Checkout or Cashier

3. What do you call the document that tells your qualification and work experience?

Ans: CV, Curriculum Vitae or Resume

4. What emergency service is called at sea?

Ans: Coastguard

5. Name the month that falls between April and June?

Ans: May