

PTE Speaking Practice Test 20

Question 1

Look at the text below. In 40 seconds you must read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible.

The constraints on network capacity began to be removed in the 1990s when telecommunications companies invested in high-capacity fiber-optic networks in response to the rapidly growing use of the Internet as a shared network for exchanging information. In the late 1990s, a number of companies, called application service providers, were founded to supply computer applications to companies over the Internet.

Question 2

Look at the text below. In 40 seconds you must read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible.

The polka-dot tree frog is a small frog about 1.2 inches in length that lives in the Amazon basin. Its coloration is a drab green, with reddish, white, or yellow spots or stripes, but under ultraviolet light it glows a bright fluorescent green. In fluorescence, light is absorbed and then re-emitted.

Question 3

Look at the text below. In 40 seconds you must read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible.

The median age of workers in developed countries is set to rise from 40 now to 45 in the mid-2050s. Depending on your point of view, that trend can be spun as ruthless capitalism requiring workers to spend more years down the salt mines or as a sign that society is finally recognising the value of its older employees.

Question 4

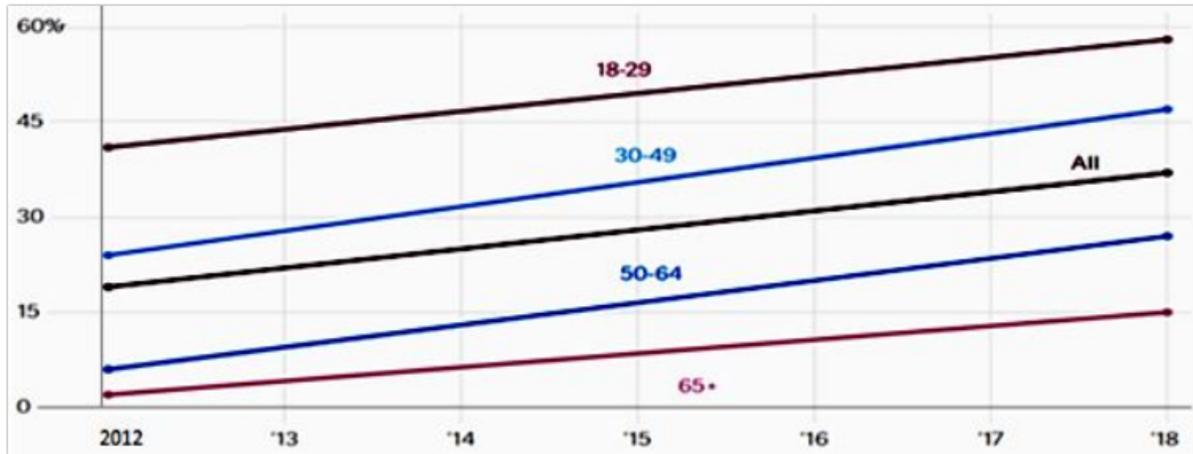
Look at the text below. In 40 seconds you must read this text aloud as naturally and clearly as possible.

After a long day filled with meetings, many bosses must wonder what they have achieved. Finding a way to measure the direct contribution of managers can be difficult. The common laboratory experiment called a public-goods game was conducted to know and to test the impact of managers on worker collaboration.

Question 5

Look at the graph below. After 25 seconds, please speak into a microphone and describe in detail what the graph is showing. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS BY AGE WHO MOSTLY GO ONLINE USING A CELL PHONE



Question 6

PTE Speaking Retell lecture

You will hear a lecture. After listening to the lecture, in 10 seconds, speak into the microphone and retell what you have heard in the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

I was right in Shasta and I'm a politician and experimental phonologist, and my research mainly concentrates on how human speech sounds are produced, and the relationship between that physical production and the vocal tract and the acoustics of the speech sound itself. So, to study things like the position of the tongue, the lips, the soft palate, the larynx, the jaw, it's important to be able to use a number of different technologies in tandem with acoustic recording.

So, a technology that I use includes magnetic resonance imaging, electromagnetic articulography, electropalatography, and speech aerodynamics to better create models and maps between the position and movement of the articulators in the vocal tract and the acoustics of speech. This work has important implications for speech pathology, speech recognition, and speech synthesis.

Question 7

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Thanks for this opportunity to speak about Australia's engagement with Asia from the perspective of trade and, in particular, to say a few words about what Australia is doing in this space. And I'm particularly pleased to be addressing trade and investment not just of course because these two things are inextricably linked, but also of course because Australia reports to Australia's first ever Minister for trade and investment.

Asia's importance to Australia's economy is growing by the day. It is one of the most important factors to consider when assessing the International conditions for our national prosperity. Asian demand for our exports has helped Australia manage the global financial crisis better than most other developed economies. In fact probably better than all other developed economies.

Investment from Asia has added to the productive capacity of the economy and overall productivity. In 2013, seven of our top ten export markets were in Asia and represented 65 percent of our total exports. Asian markets and Australia's geographic proximity are critical not just for our trade ties and our capacity to access important global supply chains but also to the level of foreign investment in Australia.

Question 8

PTE Speaking Retell lecture

You will hear a lecture. After listening to the lecture, in 10 seconds, speak into the microphone and retell what you have heard in the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

Most of what the general public knows about daily life in ancient Rome comes from art, architecture and literature, which tells us more about the elites, especially... urn... the goings-on of the emperors... but how much do we know about the lives of ordinary Romans?

Did they have a voice, apart, that is, from what we can gather from graffiti? The usual picture is one of time spent at festivals, baths and, typically, the games. However, for many Romans, terrible living conditions, poverty, debt and the chance of being sold into slavery at any moment-that is, if they weren't slaves already-left no time or energy for such forms of entertainment, or for any interest in politics, for that matter. Indeed, after the death of Augustus, executive power was taken from the elected assemblies of the Roman people. Now it was the emperor's job to look after the people, and his generosity often depended on the mood and behavior of the people on how often and how violently they protested and rioted. One example would be Claudius ensuring a steady grain supply, even in winter, after rioters pelted him with stale crusts of bread. There is an anecdote about, urn, Hadrian. While touring the provinces, an old lady approached him with a complaint; he made excuses and tried to get away. She said that if he wouldn't give her a hearing, he shouldn't be emperor. She got her hearing.

Question 9

Repeat sentences In the speaking section, at a time, there will only be 10 answers stored. In addition to the 11th answer, the first answer gets deleted automatically. You will hear a sentence. Please repeat the sentence exactly as you hear it. You will hear the sentence only once.

1. A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short.
2. He was not the only one to call for legal reform in the 16th century.
3. Are you going to have a blue birthday cake for your next birthday?