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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 2.

This test takes 1 hour and 35 minutes.

SECTION 1



You will have 10 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: The man is talking about

- A a King called Thomas
- B a farmer he met last year
- C a book he has recently written

1. The speaker wants to tell us about

- A a talk she is giving
- B her new website
- C a play in the theatre

2. The speaker is at

- A a school play
- B his doctor's
- C an interview

3. The speaker is.

- A a sportswoman
- B a musician
- C an artist

4. Where is the speaker?

- A in hospital
- B at school
- C at work

5. The speaker

- A recently finished studying
- B teaches on a course in Tourism
- C is learning how to fly a plane

6. The woman speaking

- A has studied to be a teacher
- B is studying human relationships
- C learns a lot from other students

7. The weather last Saturday was

- A snow
- B sunny
- C rain

8. Peggy Snow

- A works as a doctor
- B has had an accident
- C lost her theatre tickets

9. Why can't the man travel with Liz at the weekend?

- A he's going to Canberra
- B he's playing golf
- C he has to work

10. The man wants to

- A eat country food
- B change his car
- C move house

SECTION 2



You will hear a recording about tigers. 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 an answerphone message. First, read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the message. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: The new date for the dinner is *Saturday 17th August*

12. The hotel is on Street
13. The hotel is from the station
14. Hotel web address
15. Time of dinner
16. Liz's mobile phone number

SECTION 3 (PART B)



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

Example: Person speaking: *The Captain/Pilot*

17. Flight Number:
18. Speed of plane: miles per hour
19. Temperature in London this afternoon: °C (degrees Celsius)
20. Weather in London tomorrow
21. Cabin crew will serve

SECTION 4

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

Example: Missing bike – On Wednesday I left my children’s bike on the lawn in front of my house. When I returned in the evening it was _____. If you saw anything please call 07735-481175. Thanks. Dave

- A dark
- B gone
- C there

22. The town of Oakham has an interesting Castle. As far as we can tell _____ started in the year 1432.

- A erection
- B construction
- C manufacture

23. Notice to passengers – If you travel on Northern Rail trains _____ you may have to pay a Penalty Fare.

- A without a valid ticket
- B between the months of July and September
- C and are looking for cheap tickets

24. The library has changed its weekend hours. As from 1 August we shall open on Saturdays at 10 am and close at 5 pm. _____, the library will be closed on Sundays.

- A Hopefully
- B Luckily
- C As before

25. The Post Office branch on Cambridge High Street has been temporarily closed. This is bad news for _____ following the closure of the Barclays Bank on Cambridge High street last November.

- A national politicians
- B the environment
- C local residents and businesses

26. When you are in an exam you should _____ your time carefully. Spend some time thinking and planning before you begin to write.

- A plan
- B record
- C waste

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.

THE VALUE OF NATURE

Over the past fifty years, the rapid growth of the world's population has led to a massive increase in the demand for land, energy and water. As a result, we are now using the Earth's resources faster than nature can renew them. We are also creating more waste than our planet can absorb.

Humans have only been around for 200,000 years, a tiny blip in the 4.5 billion years of our planet's history. Yet we have had a greater impact on the Earth than any other species. Human activity is changing every part of our planet. These changes are so great that scientists are saying that we have entered a new age – the Anthropocene, meaning 'the age of humans'. All over the world, we are cutting down forests, using too much water from rivers, depleting the oceans of fish and pushing some animals to extinction. For both people and wildlife to thrive, now and in the future, we need a healthy planet, with a rich variety of plants and animals and vibrant ecosystems. In nature, everything is connected. Like throwing a stone into a pond, the ripple effect of any changes touches every part of our planet. Understanding how our activities affect the natural world is important to find the best ways of protecting it.

Example According to the passage, in the last fifty years

- A the volume of water in our seas and oceans has increased
- B humans have wanted more and more natural resources
- C more and more open and free land has come into private hands

27. When the human race developed

- A their influence on the world was greater than the animals
- B they became interested in studying the solar system
- C they did not waste their natural resources they had

28. The 'Anthropocene'

- A is a new word that was invented by scientists in recent years
- B describes people who have no respect for natural resources
- C refers to all primate families, including apes and humans

29. For our planet to be healthy

- A we need to eat a vegetarian diet
- B we must stop killing wildlife of all kinds
- C it is important to look after the ecosystem

30. The writer says that

- A we need to look after our lakes and rivers
- B small actions can have great consequences
- C we should build with stone rather than wood

31. The writer's general purpose in this passage is to

- A criticise
- B entertain
- C inform

SECTION 6

Read the website page below and answer the questions.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY

The Manx Electric Railway was built between 1893 and 1899 and connects the Island's capital, Douglas, with Laxey in the east and Ramsey in the north. The 17.5 mile railway journey takes 75 minutes and will take you along some of the most scenic stretches of railway in the British Isles.

On one side you'll experience the beautiful Manx countryside, glens and picturesque villages and to the other you'll have far reaching views out to sea.

Passengers can get off at Laxey in order to board the Snaefell Mountain Railway. The Manx Electric Railway operates regularly from March to late October. Open all year except public holidays. £10 entry, £5 for children. Parking and café available.

Example: When did work on the railway start? *1893*

32. How long does the journey take from one end of the line to the other?

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33. At which station do you change for the Mountain Railway?

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34. In which months is the Railway closed?

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35. How much is a children's ticket?

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Read the text below and answer the questions.

CASTRO DE BARONA

Castro de Barona is an old Celtic fortress settlement in northwest Spain. Parking is available in a car park next to a nearby bar and restaurant. The path that leads to the ruins is about a mile in length (each way) and very difficult to walk on, so you must wear strong footwear and if it is a wet day it is very dangerous and best avoided (visit the nearby town of town of Porto de Son instead). But if the weather is good make the effort as the ruins are very impressive. There is no information at all at the site but you can learn more about the settlement in the museum at Porto de Sono.

Example: In which country will you find this historical site? *Spain*

36. How far is it from the restaurant to the fort?

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37. What kind of shoes are recommended for a visit?

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38. What does the writer recommend if it rains?

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39. Where can you learn more about Castro de Barona?

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SECTION 7

Read the article and complete the notes. With no more than three words per question.

Ospreys at Rutland Water



You can often see ospreys at Rutland Water, a nature reserve in Central England. Ospreys are large birds that look for live fish by flying low over the water, although sometimes they are able to use a tree or high place to see their food.

They dive into the water with wings swept back, pushing their feet forward at the last minute to catch the fish below the surface. At Rutland Water the typical fish they catch are species called Trout and Roach, but Ospreys will catch and eat any type of fresh or saltwater fish.

Ospreys hatch in April, and a young bird spends the first few weeks of its life sitting on its nest, a big pile of sticks mixed with grass and other vegetation, usually in a high tree. The mother prepares small pieces of fish and gives them to

the young bird.

The young birds can move around the nest when they are two weeks old and after a month they are very active, and can move their wings. Gradually they are able to lift a little off the nest, and then fly alone for the first time.

For at least two weeks more the young Ospreys return to their nest to take food from their parents. They stay close to their parents because they have to learn to fly well before they are able to catch fish for themselves.

By early September the young Ospreys leave their nests and travel south. They fly alone, often without catching a fish for themselves before starting their journey. Most Rutland Ospreys spend the winter in West Africa. The young Ospreys will normally not return to the UK until they are at least two years old, and some will not return for several years.

Example: Ospreys eat *Fish*

40. They catch fish with
41. The young get pieces of food from
42. They spend their first days staying on
43. Before they can feed themselves they have to
44. The young ospreys travel to another place in
45. In the winter you can find the ospreys
46. Young ospreys return to Rutland Water after at least

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 the Ospreys at Rutland Water. Now write an email to a friend. **Write 70–90 words** and include the following information:

- Tell him / her about the journey made by the Ospreys
- Tell him / her about where the birds live and what they eat.
- Suggest you go together to see them at Rutland Water

SECTION 9

48. Choose **one** of the topics below and write your answer in **100–150 words**.

Either: A – Your doctor has been talking to you about eating better and getting more exercise. Write an essay on the following topic:

Changes I could make in my life in order to live more healthily.

A

Or: B – You see the following notice in your newspaper:

Tell us about an interesting place you have visited.

Say where it is, and what you did there. The best essay we receive will win a free holiday in a place of your choice. Write about a place that you found interesting.

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.