

## PTE Speaking Practice test 5

### 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:

1. Flags:

In the middle ages, the design and use of flags were considered a means of identifying social status. Flags were, therefore, the symbols not of nations but of the nobility. The design of each flag resembled the “devices” on the noble’s Coat of Arms, and the size of the flag was an indication of how high the owner stood in the nobility.

2. Hunters:

Pudritzl and Heller suggest that hunters of extraterrestrial life may want to listen particularly closely for signals originating at star systems within that narrow band of galactic sky. Advanced civilizations there may have already detected us using the transit method, they say, and may now be sending us a message. You might think of this paper, then, like a treasure map, for intelligent life.

3. Creativity:

To examine what we really think about creativity, scientists asked students to present ideas for how airlines can get more revenue from their passengers. Half the students were told to come

up with novel solutions, and the rest were asked to stick with something more tried-and-true. Other students who then listened to these pitches rated those who were innovative as having less leadership potential.

4. Small rock:

Collins and Greg Stock, Yosemite's park geologists, wanted to know if small rock movements induced by changing temperatures might weaken cracks and contribute to rock falls. So the researchers—who were both climbers—found a suitable fracture near the base of a 500-meter-tall cliff and installed instruments called crack meters, which monitored the width of the crack over time.

5. Wolf population:

Over time a split would have appeared in wolf populations, he says those wolves that feared humans and those that didn't. So this would have facilitated, I think, the domestication process. At which point humans deliberately took wolves as pets. But that domestication process, Frantz says, may have happened more than once: first in the west, in Europe. And again in the Far East, in Asia.

6. Nests:

Nell says that, in order to seek protection from their furry foes, birds actually prefer to build their nests in plots of the swamp with a resident alligator. In fact, in one study, a graduate student planted fake alligators. The birds seemed to prefer to build nests close to them. Where there's a water source, there are alligators, so it's sort of this moat of protection around these colonies.

7. Stem cells:

In 1998, James Thompson pronounced that he had isolated human embryonic stem cells in the laboratory. At last, these powerful cells were within the grip of scientists to experiment with, understand, and develop into fixes for the things that go wrong.

**Question 2 : Repeat Sentence**

You will hear some sentences in this [audio](#). 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



Image 3

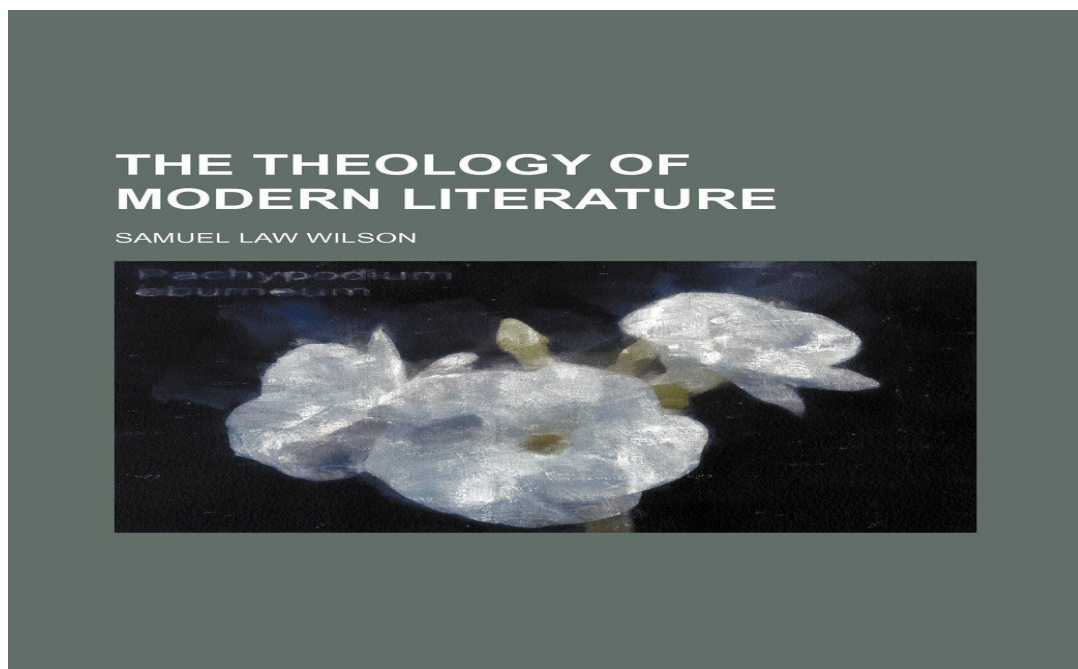


#### Question 4 : Retell Lecture

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 [audio](#) 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 am ....years old. I have completed my graduation in ..... Some of my favorite activities are cooking, graphic design, and yoga. I want to relocate to Canada to obtain a Phd degree in philosophy in order to expand my career prospects. I'm taking the PTE Academic exam as part of a requirement to assess my English proficiency in order to attain my objectives.

## Question 2 : Repeat Sentence

1. The fire left the area almost completely devoid of vegetation.
2. I will now demonstrate how the reaction can be arrested by adding a dilute acid.
3. The initial results are intriguing; however, statistically speaking, they are insignificant.
4. I believe that children should read aloud more.
5. The majority of the hardware we are using was built for a customer.
6. Of course, you can also choose to have your grades emailed to you.
7. Does the professor keep regular office hours?
8. If your parents come to visit you this semester, where will they stay?
9. Apple is expected to announce several new products this fall.
10. The celebrated professor contributed several innovative ideas to the field.

## Question 3 : Describe Image

### Image 1

The provided image illustrates the list of five states in the United Nations. According to the image, residents of New Jersey benefit from a higher maximum income slab than residents of the other four states. However, people in Michigan have the lowest income. Vermont's make moderately higher than Michigan inhabitants, with a difference of about 1900 dollars. Similarly, New Yorkers earn slightly less than their counterparts in New Jersey. Apart from that, Chicago residents earn an average income of the five states.

### Image 2

The image depicts a group of young people taking a photograph. It appears that all seven of them are ecstatic about it. The image shows that most of them are smiling broadly, except a girl in the upper left corner is pouting. Moreover, the girl in the middle can be seen showing a tongue to the camera and a victory sign with her fingers. The photographer is a young man dressed in a white and black shirt with a cap.

### Image 3

It can be seen in the photograph that there is a warning sign about respecting and enjoying historic gardening. In the image, there are four warning signs, three of which inform individuals what they should not do. The first states that bicycles are not permitted in the garden. The second implies that people should refrain from bringing their own food and beverages. The third denotes that no sports of any kind are permitted in the garden. On the contrary, the last sign indicates what type of activity is permitted in the garden, i.e., people are permitted to walk their dogs there.

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

##### **Transcription:**

And I want to say that Wilson, who died over 30 years ago, began his career before modern lit was taught and analyzed in the universities, as he said at one time. I think a piece about Christian Gauss. I called him Gauss as my father in his generation at Princeton a year or two after Wilson called him. When Wilson was studying there, the latest daring writers to get into the curriculum were widows of the 90s. Maybe Gauss had his reputation as a bohemian romantic because he had known Oscar in Paris, but there was no modern lit. Wilson came from a different world. He became the focal point of a broad mainstream American culture that thought of modern literature. He wanted modern literature to be able to be read and appreciated by ordinary people. They were not modernists in an abstract sense. Certainly, some of them, like TS Eliot and Faulkner, were too difficult for some of their writings to be read by ordinary people, but this was a world before the division between the brows or between a lead or whatever had established itself as part of our consciousness.

##### **Summary of the Lecture:**

When I was studying at Princeton, there was no modern lit; the latest daring writers were widows of the 90s. Wilson, who died over 30 years ago, began his career before modern lit was taught and analyzed in the universities. He became the focal point of a broad mainstream American culture that thought of modern literature. He wanted modern literature to be able to be read and appreciated by ordinary people. This was a world before the division between the brows or between a lead and a lead or whatever had established itself as part of our consciousness.

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

1. How many people are there in a quartet?  
Ans: Four
2. How many seasons are there in a year?  
Ans: Four

3. How many sides are there in a bilateral agreement?

Ans: Two

4. How many times a year is a quarterly journal published?

Ans: Four

5. How many years are there in a century?

Ans: 100 (years)