



## THE PET EXAM

\* The PET exam consists of four components, reading, writing, listening and speaking.

\* Here is the structure of the PET exam:

Paper	Part	Task type and format	Task focus	Number of questions
<b>Reading</b> 45 mins	1	Three-option multiple choice. Five short texts: notices, signs, packaging information, notes, emails, cards, text messages, postcards and websites.	Reading real-world notices and other short texts for the main message	5
	2	Five items in the form of descriptions of people to match to eight short adapted-authentic texts.	Reading multiple texts for specific information and detailed comprehension	5
	3	Four-option multiple choice Five items with an adapted-authentic long text	Reading for detailed comprehension, gist, inference and global meaning, as well as writer's attitude and opinion	5
	4	Gapped text Five numbered spaces where candidates select a sentence that fits the text before and under the gap	Show understanding of how a coherent and well-structured text is formed	5
	5	Four-option multiple-choice cloze Six numbered spaces where candidates choose the correct word to complete the gap	Understanding of vocabulary and grammar and understanding the lexico-structural patterns in the text	6
	6	Open cloze A short text with six numbered spaces where candidates have to think of the correct word to fill the gap.	Knowledge of grammatical structures, phrasal verbs and fixed phrases	6
<b>Writing</b> 45 mins	1	Compulsory task: An Email	Write about 100 words answering the email and the note provided	1
	2	One task to be selected from a choice of two.	Write about 100 words answering the question of their choosing: an article or a story	2
<b>Listening</b> 30 mins.	1	Short neutral or informal monologues or dialogues 7 discrete three-option multiple-choice items with visuals	Listening to identify key information from short exchanges	7
	2	3-option multiple choice 6 short dialogues each with a context sentence, as well as a question or a sentence to complete and three options	Listen to six short dialogues and understand the gist of each	6
	3	Gap-fill A page of notes or sentences, summarizing the content of the text, from which six pieces of information have been removed and candidates have to fill in	Listen to a monologue and complete six gaps	6
	4	3-option multiple choice Candidates have to choose the correct answer from a choice of three options	Listen to an interview for a detailed understanding of meaning and to identify attitudes and opinions	6
<b>Speaking</b> 12-17 mins.	1	Each candidate interacts with the interlocutor. The interlocutor asks the candidates questions in turn		2 minutes
	2	Extended turn. A colour photograph is given to each candidate in turn and they are asked to talk about it for up to a minute		3 minutes
	3	Candidates interact with each other. Visual stimulus is given to the candidates to aid the discussion task.		4 minutes
	4	General conversation. Candidates interact with each other.		4 minutes