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PTE Priority Tasks Guide



PRIORITY 1 — MUST ATTEMPT PERFECTLY

Non-Negotiable: These tasks drive your overall score across multiple skills.

Speaking & Writing

- Read Aloud
- Repeat Sentence
- Summarize Written Text
- Essay Writing

Listening

- Write from Dictation
- Summarize Spoken Text
- Listening: Fill in the Blanks



Never skip these. Accuracy + fluency here can carry your score even if other tasks are weak.



PRIORITY 2 — ATTEMPT CAREFULLY

Moderate Risk, Decent Reward: Important, but do not overinvest time.

Speaking

- Describe Image
- Re-tell Lecture

Reading

- Reading & Writing: Fill in the Blanks
- Re-order Paragraphs
- Reading: Fill in the Blanks



Strategy: Attempt all, but do not guess wildly.



PRIORITY 3 — LOW ROI

Safe to De-emphasise: Limited scoring weight or negative marking.

Reading

- Multiple Choice (Multiple Answers)
- Multiple Choice (Single Answer)

Listening

- Multiple Choice (Multiple Answers)
- Multiple Choice (Single Answer)
- Highlight Correct Summary
- Select Missing Word



Caution: If unsure, skip or choose conservatively. Random guessing can reduce scores.



PRIORITY 4 — CAN BE SKIPPED

If Time/Confidence Is Low: Minimal impact on final score.

- Answer Short Question
- Highlight Incorrect Words



Approach: Attempt only if confident. Otherwise, skip without guilt.

SMART EXAM RULES (High-Score Behaviour)

- ✓ Never leave Priority 1 tasks weak
- ✓ Do not risk negative marking tasks
- ✓ PTE rewards consistency, not bravery

- ✓ Silence is better than wrong answers in MCMA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Priority	Strategy
● P1	Master & always attempt
● P2	Attempt, manage time
● P3	Attempt only if sure
● P4	Skip if uncertain

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