

Reading practice test 1 - IELTS General Training

Please note that this is not an official IELTS past paper

Time yourself to allow a **maximum twenty minutes** to complete this section.

Section 2

Read the texts below about English tourist attractions and answer the following questions.

Stonehenge, Wiltshire - Until 30 years ago visitors could wander among the stones, now you have to stand behind ropes. But for just £13.70, you can get access to the circle when the site is closed to the public.

Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh - See the Queen's official residence in Scotland on an after-hours tour at 6.30pm every Thursday from 30 July-27 Aug. The £30 cost includes a glass of champagne.

Big Ben - It's free to climb to the belfry of Big Ben. To do it and to learn how they keep the clock so accurate, you need to write to your MP and join a waiting list of about six months. Details: www.parliament.uk.

Hardwick, Derbyshire - Spend the morning with the housekeepers as they put the home that belonged to Bess of Hardwick, the second-richest woman in Elizabethan England, to bed for winter. The event on 4 Nov costs £30, including a two-course lunch.

39th Bristol International Balloon Fiesta - will take place from 10th to 13th August 2017 offering four fantastic days of free family fun. The Fiesta is Europe's largest annual meeting of hot air balloons, attracting over 150 Hot Air Balloons from across the globe.

The event is completely free but charges are made for parking on the event site. There will be a large number of great trade stands, fairground rides and entertainment.

Questions 15-22

Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D.

15. Which attraction includes a drink with the entrance fee?

- a) Stonehenge
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Big Ben

16. Which attraction now has more restricted access?

- a) Stonehenge

- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Big Ben

17. Which attraction only charges visitors with cars?

- a) Stonehenge
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Bristol Balloon Fiesta

18. Which attraction offers a mid-day meal with the entrance fee?

- a) Big Ben
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Bristol Balloon Fiesta

19. Which attraction requires a written application?

- a) Stonehenge
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Big Ben

20. Which attraction is only open for four days a year?

- a) Big Ben
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Bristol Balloon Fiesta

21. Which attraction is not in England?

- a) Stonehenge
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Bristol Balloon Fiesta.

22. Which attraction has the longest history?

- a) Stonehenge
- b) Palace of Holyrood
- c) Hardwick
- d) Bristol Balloon Fiesta
- e) Big Ben

You can check your answers [here](#)