

## 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 the Inner Circle Tour allows access to the circle in the early morning and late evening when the site is closed to the general public. £59 adults

**Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh** - See the King's official residence in Scotland on an after-hours tour at 6.30pm every Saturday July - September. The £45 cost includes a glass of champagne. £45 per person.

**Big Ben** - guided tour of the Elizabeth Tower takes you up a narrow 334-step spiral stairwell to the Belfry. See where Big Ben, the Great Bell, hangs. £25 adult/£10 children. [Book here:](#)

**Hardwick, Derbyshire** - Bess of Hardwick was the second-richest woman in Elizabethan England, Spend the morning with the housekeepers as they shutter her stately home for the winter. The event on 4 Nov costs £30, including a two-course lunch.

**39th Bristol International Balloon Fiesta** - 8th to 11th August 2024.. The Fiesta is Europe's largest annual meeting of hot air balloons, attracting over 150 Hot Air Balloons from across the globe. Entrance to the Fiesta 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.

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### **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 can be booked through online link?

- 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
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