

IELTS READING: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

MINI TEST 3

THE FALKIRK WHEEL

- A. The Falkirk Wheel in Scotland is the world's first and only rotating boat lift. Opened in 2002, it is central to the ambitious £84.5m Millennium Link project to restore navigability across Scotland by reconnecting the historic waterways of the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals.

- B. The major challenge of the project lay in the fact that the Forth & Clyde Canal is situated 35 metres below the level of the Union Canal. Historically, the two canals had been joined near the town of Falkirk by a sequence of 11 locks – enclosed sections of canal in which the water level could be raised or lowered – that stepped down across a distance of 1.5 km. This had been dismantled in 1933, thereby breaking the link. When the project was launched in 1994, the British Waterways authority were keen to create a dramatic twenty-first- century landmark which would not only be a fitting commemoration of the Millennium, but also a lasting symbol of the economic regeneration of the region.

Questions 1-3

Using NO MORE THAN FOUR WORDS, answer the following questions.

Write your answers in boxes 1-3 below.

1. What is the world's first rotating boat lift?

2. What keeps the Forth & Clyde Canal and Union Canal joined?

3. Who wanted to create a dramatic landmark?
