# 1- Read and answer. (10 marks)

### **FAMOUS MONUMENTS**



## **BIG BEN**

You probably recognise Big Ben, the clock tower at one end of the Houses of Parliament in London. It's London's most famous monument. But perhaps you don't know Big Ben's real name – The Elizabeth Tower. Big Ben dates from 1859. The tower is 96 metres high. There are 334 stairs in it, but tourists can't go inside the tower or climb to the top. There are four clock faces and each face is seven metres in diameter. The minute hands are 4.2 metres long and weigh about 100 kilos. The bell weighs about 13, 760 kilos. Big Ben looks amazing at night because there are lights on the clock faces. On 31<sup>st</sup> December every year – New Year's Eve – TV stations in the UK show pictures of Big Ben at midnight. And all over the country people listen to the twelve chimes of the bell when the old year ends.



#### THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

The Statue of Liberty in New York harbour is the work of the French designer, Frédéric Auguste Bartholidi. This present from the people of France to the USA in 1886 is the most famous monument in the USA. Every year millions of tourists take a boat trip to Liberty Island to see it. It's the only way to get there, This huge statue weighs 204,000 kilos. Twelve people can stand in the torch and forty can stand in the head!



1. Where is Big Ben?

2. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?

## 2- Choose True or False. Draw a circle in each case. (4 marks)

1. Big Ben's other name is the Queen's Tower. TRUE / FALSE

2. The Statue of Liberty stands on an island. TRUE / FALSE

3. You can drive to the Statue of Liberty. TRUE / FALSE

4. People can stand in the Statue of Liberty's torch. TRUE / FALSE