

III. READING

Read the text below and answer the questions correctly.

A Really Popular Summer Festival in the UK

The Edinburgh Festival, one of the most popular summer festivals in the UK, comprises eight simultaneous festivals, including the Art Festival, the Book Festival, the International Festival, the Fringe, and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. It has been held every year in August since 1947, except for 2020.

The festival was the brainchild of Rudolf Bing, an Austrian arts enthusiast who was the general manager of the famous Opera House at Glyndebourne. Edinburgh was chosen as the location for the festival, given its rich history of festivals, after considering different cities, including Oxford.

During the first International Festival, a week-long film festival was organized by the Edinburgh Film Guild, and eight theatre groups arrived uninvited and set up their shows in other venues in the city. This became the 'Edinburgh Festival Fringe', which is now the largest of the festivals. Comedy is the most common performance: over a third of the shows are comedy.

In 2018, it featured more than 55,000 performances of 3,548 different shows in 317 venues. A popular event of the Military Festival is the Tattoo, which takes place at the castle each night, and there is a great light and fireworks display.

A classical music concert in Princes Street Gardens, with fireworks synchronized to the music, is the grand finale. Planning ahead is recommended for attending the festival, as hundreds of thousands of people attend each year and popular shows and accommodations book up quickly. However, one shouldn't plan too much and miss out on discovering great, little-known shows and performers while attending the festival.

1. When did the Edinburgh Festival first start?
 - a. 1937
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1957
2. How many festivals are held in Edinburgh simultaneously?
 - a. Six
 - b. Seven
 - c. Eight
3. Who came up with the idea for the Edinburgh Festival?
 - a. A British opera singer
 - b. A German art collector
 - c. An Austrian arts lover
4. Which festival became the largest in Edinburgh?
 - a. The Art Festival
 - b. The International Festival
 - c. The Fringe Festival
5. What is the most common performance at the Edinburgh Festival?
 - a. Circus
 - b. Music
 - c. Comedy
6. Where does the Military Tattoo take place?
 - a. In Princes Street Gardens
 - b. In the castle
 - c. In a theatre
7. What is the grand finale of the Military Festival?
 - a. A fireworks display
 - b. A classical music concert
 - c. A light show
8. What should you do before attending the Edinburgh Festival?
 - a. Plan your schedule in advance
 - b. Wait until you get there to book anything
 - c. Attend every show possible
9. How many shows were there at the Fringe Festival in 2018?
 - a. 3,548
 - b. 5,500
 - c. 3,150
10. What created the Edinburgh Festival Fringe?
 - a. A film festival
 - b. An international art exhibition
 - c. Uninvited theatre groups