

Intensive Reading for IELTS

Text 01: Stepwells

Lesson 02: Text Analysis

Instructions: Use the IELTS text (IELTS 10 pgs. 17-18) and your class notes to answer the questions.



These questions can be found in your textbook on pgs. 19-20.

1. Examples of ancient stepwells can be found all over the world.
2. Stepwells had a range of functions, in addition to those related to water collection.
3. The few existing stepwells in Delhi are more attractive than those found elsewhere.
4. It took workers many years to build the stone steps characteristic of stepwells.
5. The number of steps above the water level in a stepwell altered during the course of a year?
6. Which part of some stepwells provided shade for people?
7. What type of serious climatic event, which took place in southern Rajasthan, is mentioned in the article?
8. Who are frequent visitors to stepwells nowadays?

Complete the following chart:

Stepwells	Date	Features	Other notes
Rani Ki Vav	Late 11th century	As many as 500 sculptures decorate the monument	Restored in the 1990s Excellent condition, despite the 9. of 2001.
Surya Kund	1026	Steps on the	

		10. produce a geometric pattern Carved shrines.	looks more like a 11. then a well.
Raniji Ki Baori	1699	Intricately carved monument	One of 21 baoris in the area commissioned by Queen Nathavatji
Chand Baori	850 AD	Steps take you down 11 stories to the bottom	Old, deep and very dramatic Has 12. which provide a view to the steps.
Neemrana Ki Baori	1700	Has two 13. levels.	Used by public today

Additional questions from our class notes. Choose TRUE/ FALSE or NOT GIVEN for each of the questions.

14. Neemrana Ki Baori is still in public use today.
15. Rani Ki Vav was destroyed by an earthquake in January 2001.
16. "Kund" means pillar or pavilion.
17. There are not many wells in Rajasthan.
18. Today, many stepwells have been saved by the Archaeological Survey of India.
19. India's stepwells are visited by many tourists.

20. India's stepwells remind us of both the ingenuity and artistry of ancient civilizations.