

ISE I Sample Independent listening task 1 - Festivals

Examiner rubric

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

You're going to hear a short talk about an English festival called the Brighton Festival. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about the Brighton Festival. Are you ready?

Play the task. The task will play twice.

Now I will ask you six questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

Audio script

Hello everyone! Today, I want to tell you about the Brighton Festival. Has anyone ever been to it? Then I'll tell you something about it.

Well, first of all, the Brighton Festival is a festival of the arts. I know most of you are interested in that. There has been a festival in Brighton since nineteen sixty-seven. The Brighton Festival first started so that more people could enjoy theatre. Wasn't that a good idea!

Today, the Brighton Festival begins with a children's day. It's lovely to see them enjoying themselves. In fact, about five thousand children take part in the children's day. One final thing to tell you is that the Brighton Festival lasts for a month. So that's plenty of time to see some interesting shows.

Now let's watch a short film about some of the early festivals in Brighton.

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.

	Question	Answer
1	What sort of festival is the Brighton Festival?	A festival of the arts
2	How long has there been an arts festival in Brighton?	(Since) 1967
3	Why did the Brighton Festival first start?	So more people could enjoy theatre
4	How does the Brighton Festival begin today?	With a children's day
5	How many children take part in the children's day?	(About) 5,000
6	How long does the festival last for?	A month