

**Part 1**

**Read the text below on the history of London Eye and answer Questions 1– 10.**

**London Eye**

- A.** Although the London Eye appears to be a mainstay of the city's skyline, it is a relatively new addition to the city's landscape when compared to the majority of the structures that surround it. Since its inception, the London Eye has become a world-famous observation wheel as well as a tremendously popular tourist attraction, bringing in lots of income and reputation to the UK.
- B.** Whether you're staying at the Piccadilly London West End for a short visit or a longer stay, why not make the most of your time at one of the best hotels near the West End by riding the London Eye? Our guide will inform you on all you need to know about one of London's most well-known new monuments.
- C.** The London Eye initially launched in 2000 as an attraction to assist welcome in the new millennium. The renowned Ferris wheel was built to commemorate the New Year and to offer a contemporary complement to the historic neighborhoods of London where it stands.
- D.** The London Eye, with 32 capsules encircling the center wheel and a 25-person capacity in each, can carry approximately 15,000 people each day. The where, standing 135 meters tall and well above some of the city's oldest buildings, gives travelers with magnificent views of renowned sites like as Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.
- E.** The London Eye takes around 30 minutes to complete a single journey and is designed for continuous motion. After the wheel's components were sailed up the Thames and assembled flat before raising, construction was finished in 2000.
- F.** The overall weight of the London Eye is about 1700 tonnes. The site has earned several tourist and architecture prizes and remains quite popular to this day. There is no disputing that a visit to the London Eye is a must for anybody considering a vacation in Piccadilly London West End.

- G.** The ownership of the London Eye has shifted over the years. It was formerly held by a partnership of the Tussauds Group, British Airways, and members of the Marks Barfield family, but Tussauds Group took exclusive control in 2006. The next year, the firm was bought by Merlin Entertainment, who currently owns the London Eye entirely.
- H.** While ownership has changed numerous times throughout the course of its history, the London Eye has remained an iconic element of the city's skyline and remains one of the most popular attractions.
- I.** The London Eye was revealed as part of the New Year's Eve celebrations in 1999, although it did not open to the public until March 2000 due to certain technical difficulties. Since 2005, the London Eye has played an important role in the city's New Year's Eve celebrations.
- J.** The London Eye now attracts a large number of tourists and is believed to have accommodated over 30 million people since its inception, making it an enduring emblem in modern London's skyline.

*\*Adjusted from A Brief History of London Eye ([www.picadillyweekend.co.uk](http://www.picadillyweekend.co.uk))*

**Question 1 – 10**

Identify which paragraphs ( A – J) contain information listed in Questions 1 – 10 by marking a cross ☒ for the correct answer. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

You must choose answers only from the information given in the leaflet. Paragraphs may be used more than once or not used at all.

This paragraph refers to ...

- 1 what the visitors can see down below.
- 2 the award it received.
- 3 the number of visitors that have come to this place.
- 4 different entities that have owned London Eye.
- 5 how London Eye was constructed.
- 6 an urge for people to make a visit at this world-renowned place.
- 7 a financial benefit to the country.
- 8 the reason why it could not be launched for the visitors to ride in its first year.
- 9 the measurements and capacity of London Eye.
- 10 the purpose of constructing London Eye.