

## **IELTS General Reading Practice Test 2022**

**You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1-13, which are based on Reading Passage 1 below**

### **TOTAL FIRE BANS**

**Total Fire Bans affect everyone. Whether you live in the city, the suburbs or in the country, you need to know when one is declared and what this means you can't do.**

#### **WHAT IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN?**

**A Total Fire Ban prohibits:**

- **the lighting of any fires in the open air**
- **any other activities in the open air that may start a fire.**

**Undercover areas such as patios, pergolas and huts that are open or partially open to the weather are deemed to be in the open air.**

#### **WHEN WILL A TOTAL FIRE BAN BE DECLARED?**

**The decision to put a ban in place is based on weather forecast and local conditions. A Total Fire Ban will be declared on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property.**

#### **HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN HAS BEEN DECLARED?**

**When a ban has been declared it will be:**

- **on the DFES website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)**
- **on the Total Fire Ban information line 1800 709 355**
- **broadcast on ABC local radio and other media outlets**
- **published to subscribers through the DFES website's automated RSS feeds**
- **published on DFES's Twitter account**
- **displayed on local government roadside Fire Danger Rating signs.**

#### **HOW LONG IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN IN PLACE FOR?**

**The ban will generally be in place from 12.01am to 11.59pm on the day declared; however, if weather conditions change significantly, times may vary.**

#### **WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR IGNORING A TOTAL FIRE BAN?**

**You could be fined up to \$25 000 and/or jailed for 12 months for ignoring the ban.**

#### **Questions 1-4**

**Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text? In boxes 1-4 on your answer sheet, write:**

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information

**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information

**NOT GIVEN** If there is no information on this

1. You can go to prison for a year if you light a fire outside.
2. Fire bans last for two days.
3. You can contact your local radio station for more information.
4. You can use your pizza oven if it is under your patio.

Read the information below and answer Questions 5-10.

**i. Salmonella**

**Origins – Bowel, intestine of humans and animals [especially chickens]. raw foods, untreated water**

**Onset – 12-48 hours**  
**Symptoms – Nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps, diarrhoea, fever and headache for 3-21 days**

**ii Staphylococcus aureus (Toxin)**

**Origins – Skin, nose, saliva, bowel of humans**

**Onset – 1-8 hours**

**Symptoms – Diarrhoea, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting. Last for about 24 hours**

**iii Clostridium perfringens**

**Origins – Soil, bowel, intestine of humans and animals**

**Onset – 8-12 hours**

**Symptoms – Stomach pains, diarrhoea and sometimes nausea and vomiting. Lasts for about 24 hours**

**iv Vibrio parahaemolyticus**

**Origins – Drinking water, shellfish and fish**

**Onset – 12-24 hours**

**Symptoms – Diarrhoea, stomach cramps, sometimes nausea and vomiting. May last for several days**

**v Listeria monocytogenes**

**Origins – Soil, bowel, intestine of humans and animals, raw vegetables, processed foods**

**Onset – 2 days to 3 months**

**Symptoms – Flu-like symptoms: fever, headaches and pains. May cause miscarriage and stillbirth, meningitis and septicaemia**

**vi Campylobacter**

**Origins – Raw poultry, raw meats, untreated water, unpasteurised milk; puppies, kittens, wild animals and birds**

**Onset – 2-5 days**

**Symptoms – Diarrhoea, abdominal pain, vomiting, fever and nausea. Last for 2-5 days**

**Questions 5-10**

Read the information on food poisoning in the table and answer questions 5-10. Look at the information on food poisoning and match the statements with the appropriate type of poisoning. Choose the correct number i-vi and write your answer in boxes 5-10

on your answer sheet.

5. Found in seafood.
6. Dangerous for pregnant women.
7. You can be sick for up to three weeks.
8. You can catch this from some common household pets.
9. Not usually found in animals.
10. You can pick this disease up from the garden and it starts within a few hours.

Read the information sheet 'The facts about plastic', and answer questions 11-14.

## THE FACTS ABOUT PLASTIC

### PLASTIC BOTTLES

- It takes less energy to manufacture and transport a plastic sauce bottle than a glass sauce bottle, as plastics are lightweight.
- It takes 125 recycled plastic milk bottles to manufacture one 140-litre wheelie-bin from recycled plastic. • Over 24 000 tonnes of PET was recovered in Australia last year-that's over 5 7 5 million PET soft drink bottles! Around 18 000 tonnes of these were recycled in Australia-mainly into new soft drink bottles.
- It takes 33 000 plastic soft drink bottles to make one tonne of plastic.

### SAVE OUR OCEANS

- There are about 46 000 pieces of plastic floating in each square mile of our oceans. Discarded plastic has even been found on uninhabited South Pacific islands!
- It is estimated that plastic kills up to 1 million sea birds, 100 000 sea mammals and countless fish each year, with many getting entangled in plastic six-pack rings, plastic strapping and nylon ropes.
- The disposal of plastics into the ocean is prohibited under the international Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

### Contribution to plastic:

- Soft drink bottles – 36%
- Shrink wrap films, shopping bags and other plastics – 36%
- Milk bottles – 21%
- Detergent and shampoo bottles – 7%

### Questions 11-14

Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text for your answer.

Just under a quarter of waste plastic comes from (11).....

Just over two-thirds of recovered PET was made into (12).....

Plastic bottles are more energy efficient because they are (13).....

Plastic that is thrown away has been found on (14).....where no people Live.