

《高考英语阅读理解真题44(含答案解析)》

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The Biggest Stadiums in the World

People have been pouring into stadiums since the days of ancient Greece. In around 80 A.D., the Romans built the Colosseum, which remains the world's best known stadium and continues to inform contemporary design. Rome's Colosseum was 157 feet tall and had 80 entrances, seating 50,000 people. However, that was small fry compared with the city's Circus Maximus, which accommodated around 250,000 people.

These days, safety regulations—not to mention the modern sports fan's desire for a good view and a comfortable seat—tend to keep stadium capacities (容量) slightly lower. Even soccer fans tend to have a seat each; gone are the days of thousands standing to watch the match.

For the biggest stadiums in the world, we have used data supplied by the World Atlas list so far, which ranks them by their stated permanent capacity, as well as updated information from official stadium websites.

All these stadiums are still functional, still open and still hosting the biggest events in world sport.

- Rungrado 1st of May Stadium, Pyongyang, D.P.R.Korea. Capacity: 150,000. Opened: May 1, 1989.
- Michigan Stadium, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S. Capacity: 107,601. Opened: October 1, 1927.
- Beaver Stadium, State College, Pennsylvania, U.S. Capacity: 106,572. Opened: September 17, 1960.
- Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio, U.S. Capacity: 104,944. Opened: October 7, 1922.
- Kyle Field, College Station, Texas, U.S. Capacity: 102,512. Opened: September 24, 1927.

21. How many people could the Circus Maximus hold?

A. 104,944. B. 107,601.

C. About 150,000. D. About 250,000.

22. Of the following stadiums, which is the oldest?

A. Michigan Stadium. B. Beaver Stadium.

C. Ohio Stadium. D. Kyle Field.

23. What do the listed stadiums have in common?

A. They host big games.

B. They have become tourist attractions.

C. They were built by Americans.

D. They are favored by architects.

21. How many people could the Circus Maximus hold?

答案及解析：

21.D. About 250,000.

解析：根据文章第二段最后一句“ However, that was small fry compared with the city ' s Circus Maximus, which accommodated around 250,000 people. ” 可以得知，Circus Maximus的容量是大约250,000人。

22. C. Ohio Stadium.

解析：通过比较文章中提到的各个体育场的开放日期，Ohio Stadium开放于1922年10月7日，是这几个体育场中最早的。

23.A. They host big games.

解析：文章最后一段提到“ All these stadiums are still functional, still open and still hosting the biggest events in world sport. ”，说明这些体育场仍然在举办世界上最大的体育赛事。其他选项在文章中没有提及。