

The text:

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Al-Aqsa Mosque including all the mosques, prayer rooms, buildings, platforms and open courtyards located above or under the grounds - and exceeds 200 historical monuments pertaining to various Islamic eras. The mosque is also referred to as Al-Haram Al-Sharif.



Al Masjid Al-Aqsa was founded by the Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH). Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, (RA), is the first one then who restored Al-Aqsa. He recognized the sight but nothing was built. When Abdel-Malik Ibn Marwan held the office in the year 66 A.H., he rebuilt Al-Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock. Al-Aqsa is one of the largest and most important mosques in the Muslim world, and the earliest in Palestine. This is the reason why this mosque holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims.

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A) Reading Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following tasks:

Task One (03 pts): I fill in the following Fact File.

Fact File

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ❖ Monument: | ❖ Location: |
| ❖ Total area: | ❖ Number of historical places: |
| ❖ Founded by: | ❖ Rebuilt by: |

Task Two (02 pts): I answer by "True" or "False".

- Al-Aqsa Mosque is situated in the northeast part of Jerusalem. (.....)
- It is the second holiest mosque in the world. (.....)
- Omar Ibn Al-Khattab, (RA) rebuilt it. (.....)
- It holds a special place in the hearts of Muslims. (.....)

Task Three (02 pts): I read text and match each word (1, 2, 3, and 4) with its corresponding antonyms/ opposites (≠) (a, b, c, or d).

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. southeast | 2. within | 3. above | 4. largest |
| a. without | b. northeast | c. smallest | d. under |

(1- / 2- / 3- / 4-)

B) Mastery of Language (07 pts)

Task One (02 pts): I rewrite the following sentences, and supply punctuation and capitalisation where appropriate:

The great mosque of algiers is the third largest of its kind in the world

Task Two (03 pts): I compare using: "as ... as" or "not as ... as".

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b- Al-Zaytuna Mosque in Tunis is famous, too. (famous)
2. a- The Great Mosque of Kairouan, Tunisia built in the year 670AD.
b- The Umayyad Mosque of Damascus, Syria built in the year 615AD. (old)

Task Three (02 pts): I classify the following words in the table below according to the pronunciation of their final "s" ending.

comprises – walls – rooms – monuments

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/

PART TWO (06 pts): Written Expression

You have received an email from a friend of yours; he/ she asked you to write him/ her a reply in which you describe one of the most famous landmarks in your country or in the world. You have chosen "Djamaa el Kebir" because it is one of the oldest mosques in Algeria. Write him/ her your reply.

This **File Facts** may help you:

File Facts

- ❖ **Monument:** Djamaa el Kebir
- ❖ **Location:** in Casbah, Algiers, Algeria
- ❖ **Constructed:** during the reign of Yusuf Ibn Tashfin
- ❖ **Date of construction:** in 1097.
- ❖ **Height:** 17 meters high



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- ❖ Monument: **Al-Aqsa Mosque** ❖ Location: **The southeast corner of the Old City of Jerusalem**
- ❖ Total area: **144,000 m²** ❖ Number of historical places: **200**
- ❖ Founded by: **The Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH)** ❖ Rebuilt by: **Abdel-Malik Ibn Marwan**

Task Two (02 pts): I answer by "True" or "False".

1. Al-Aqsa Mosque is situated in the northeast part of Jerusalem. (...**False**...)
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Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo is as famous as Al-Zaytuna Mosque in Tunis
(OR) *Al-Zaytuna Mosque in Tunis is as famous as Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo*

2. a- The Great Mosque of Kairouan, Tunisia built in the year 670AD.

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The Umayyad Mosque of Damascus, Syria is not as old as The Great Mosque of Kairouan, Tunisia

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<i>monuments</i>	<i>walls – rooms</i>	<i>comprises</i>

PART TWO (06 pts): Written Expression

There are many fantastic **monuments** around **Algeria**. **Djamaa el Kebir** is one of them. It is located in **Casbah, Algiers, Algeria**. It was **constructed during the reign of Yusuf Ibn Tashfin** in **1097**. Its height is around **17 meters high**