



The Great Mosque of Algiers

Located in the city of Algiers, "the great mosque of Algiers" (Djamaa el Zajair) is one of the most famous landmarks in Algeria. It has the world's tallest mosque tower and it is the 3rd largest mosque in the world after the Mosque of Mecca and Al-Masjid an-Nabawi of Medina.



The construction of the mosque started in 2012 and took nearly 8 years to be opened to people officially by the president in 2020. The mosque was designed by German architects from Jürgen Engel designing group. This fascinating landmark covers a huge area of almost 400,000 m². The prayer hall can take up to 37 000 people at the same time and has a parking space for more than 7 000 cars which makes it the 3rd largest mosque in the world.

The most remarkable part is the tower (minaret) of the mosque, which is 265 meters tall, making it the tallest mosque's minaret in the world. The mosque's includes a Quranic school, a library that can host a million books, a museum of Islamic art.

<https://International Quran News Agency.ir/en/news>

Part one:

Reading comprehension: Read the text carefully then do the following activities (7 pts)

Activity one: Read the text and complete the following information (03pts)

Landmark's name:
Location:
period of construction:
Designers:
Area (Surface):
Tower Height:

Activity two: Read the text again and answer the following questions (2pts)

- 1- Is the "Great Mosque of Algiers" bigger than the Mosques of Mecca and Medina?
- 2- When was the "Great mosque of Algiers" opened?

Activity three: (2 pts): Match each words with its definition

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| 1- A museum | A- A very tall building often square or circular. |
| 2- A designer | B- Someone (person) who plans and imagines how to build a place, |
| 3- A tower | C- A place where very old historical objects are kept. |
| 4- A mosque | D- A building made for prayers and religious Islamic activities. |

Mastery of language: (7pts)**Activity one: Spot the mistakes and write the corrected sentence (2 pts)**

Timgad is an Roman old city. It is built in the 1st century by the Emperor Trajan. He was listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site on 1982.

Activity two: Rewrite the following sentences using the passive voice (3 pts)

- 1- The emperor built Timgad.
- 2- The Nomads destroyed the city in the 7th century.
- 3- In 1982, UNESCO listed Timgad as a world heritage site.

Activity four: Cross (X) the word with different sound from every list: (2pts)

/ai/: cry - die - day - By

/ei/: stay - explain - High - Plane

/ai/: take- fight - Hi - dry

/ei/: situated -play - May - nice

Part two : Situation of integration (6pts)

Algeria is full of outstanding landmarks and historic sites that reflect Algeria's rich history and its fascinating nature and culture. The ancient city of Timgad is one of them.

Write a short descriptive paragraph about this special site.

Fact file

Monument: *Timgad* **Type:** Roman city

Location: Aures Mountains, Batna

Maker (to make/ to found): The Roman emperor Trajan

Date of construction (to build): 1st century

Material (to make): Stones and Bricks

Area (surface): 2 km²

The use (to use): as a Roman military defence.

Date of destruction (to destroy): 7th Century / by the nomads

Date of listing by UNESCO (to list): 1982



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