Bouguerra Rabeh Middle School. Level: 4MS. Date :16/05/2023. Timing:90mn.

The Third English Exam.

Text:

The Taj Mahal is one of the most famous mausoleums in the world. It is located on the banks of River Yamuna at Agra, India. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal who died when giving birth to her fourteenth child in 1630. He ordered Ustad Ahmad Lahaur to design a sort of temple for her. It took more than twenty years to complete this splendid edifice.

The name "Taj Mahal" means crown palace. It was built by more than 20,000 workers and over 1,000 elephants were used to help with the transport of the heavy material during the construction. The main attractive feature is the central dome which is surrounded by four smaller domes and four minarets at each corner. It is made of white marble which color changes with the time of the day and whether or not there's moon at night. Taj Mahal was decorated with jewels, gold and silver and some Ayates from the Quran were written on many of its walls.

This beautiful temple is surrounded by outstanding gardens and fountains. Its height is 73 meters. It is considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage in 1983 for being "the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of world's heritage".

Many tourists come to see this beautiful structure from different parts of the world. Some people think it is the best building on earth.

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Questions

Part one A/ Reading Comprehension (7pts):

Task one: Read the text then answer the following questions (3pts):

- 1- Where is Taj Mahal situated?
- 2- How long did it take to be finished?
- **3-** Is Taj Mahal one of the Seven Wonders of the World?

Task two: Read the text and complete the following table (2pts):

Name of the	Date of construction	designer	Height of the temple
landmark			

Task three: Lexis(2pts). a) Find in the text that are closest in meaning to(1pts):

1- beautiful =	2- several=

b) Find in the text words that are opposites in meaning to(1pts):

1- the worst \neq

B/Mastery of Language (7pts):

Task one: Supply punctuation and capital letters where necessary (2pts)

did you go to algiers with your friend samir

Task two: Write the correct form of the verbs in brackrets (3pts)

Many people prefer (**to visit**) the Casbah in Algiers, but if they (to see) The Great Mosque, they (**to be**) very surprised.

Task three: Classify the following words in the table below according to their pronunciation of the final ed (2pts):

Height main day time

/ai/	/ei/

Part two: Integrated Situation(6pts).

You have just returned from your trip around Algeria and you want to share your beautiful experience with your English pen friend in order to make him/her know more about your country. Write him/her an email to tell him/her about all what you did in your trip besides the famous landmarks you visited.

Write about:

- The places you went to.
- The means of transport you took.
- The time you spent.
- The landmarks you visited. (If one of them is Maquam Echahid, use the fact file to give more information about it):

Fact file

Landmark: Maqam Echahid. Location: Almadania, Algiers.

Date of construction: From November15th ,1981 to July 5th ,1982.

Designer: Marian Konieczny and Bachir Yelles.

Height: 92 metres.

Material; Iron and reinforced concrete.

- The activities you did there(hotels, restaurants, photos....etc.
- Your feelings.

GOOD LUCK.

correction

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Task one: Read the text then answer the following questions (3pts):

1. Where is Taj Mahal situated?

It is located on the banks of River Yamuna at Agra, India.

2. How long did it take to be finished?

It took more than twenty years

3. Is Taj Mahal one of the Seven Wonders of the World? Yes, it is.

Task two: Read the text and complete the following table (2pts):

Name of the landmark	Date of construction	designer	Height of the temple
Taj Mahal	1631	Ustad Ahmad Lahaur	73 meters

Task three: Lexis(2pts).

a) Find in the text that are closest in meaning to(1pts):

2- beautiful = splendid

2- several=different

b) Find in the text words that are opposites in meaning to(1pts):

1- the worst \neq the best

2- destruction ≠construction

B/Mastery of Language (7pts):

Task one: Supply punctuation and capital letters where necessary (2pts)

<u>D</u>id you go to <u>A</u>lgiers with your friend <u>S</u>amir?

Task two: Write the correct form of the verbs in brackrets (3pts)

Many people prefer (**to visit**) <u>visiting</u> the Casbah in Algiers, but if they (to see) <u>see</u> The Great Mosque, they (**to be**) <u>will be</u> very surprised.

Task three: Classify the following words in the table below according to their pronunciation of the final ed (2pts):

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Height	time	main _	_ day

Part two: Integrated Situation(6pts).