

## Si Abdella Middle School Mekla

### The Third Exam :3ms level

#### THE ALGERIAN NUTHATCH

Algeria is the largest country in the north of Africa and it is blessed with incredible biodiversity. However many animals are facing extinction as is the case with the Nuthatch species.

The Algerian Nuthatch, scientifically known as, *Sitta ledanti* and it's found only in the old humid forests in the north of the country. The Nuthatch is described as a medium-sized bird, measuring between 11.5 and 12.5 cm. It weighs 18 grams and is characterized by a grey-blue dorsal plumage . The average nuthatch lifespan in the wild is between 2 and 3,5 years.

The Algerian Nuthatch is an endemic bird species in Algeria. It is classified as an endangered species by I.U.C.N. and it figures in the list of Algerian protected wild species.

Studies have shown that Nuthatch is a critically endangered species, threatened by habitat destruction and degradation, invasive species, tourist developments, fires and hurricane damage. *Adapted from net. com*



#### Questions : part one (14points)

##### A. Reading Comprehension: (7points)

Activity 01: I read the text and fill in the following profile: (3points)

##### The profile

Common name: .....  
Scientific name: .....  
Habitat : .....  
Physical description: .....  
IUCN status:.....  
Causes of extinction: .....

Activity 02: I read the text again and answer the questions: (02points)

- Does Algeria have a rich biodiversity?  
.....
- What are the threats the Nuthatch bird faces?  
.....

Activity 03: Lexis:

- I read and find words closest in meaning to:  
threatened=..... savage= .....
- I read and find words opposite in meaning to:  
South ≠..... protected≠.....

## B. Mastery of language : (7points)

**Activity 01:** I match each sentence with its meaning: (02points)

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|---|---|------------------|
| • We mustn't throw litter on the ground         | - | -Mild obligation |
| • People should be aware of protecting animals. | - | -Obligation      |
| • Government must provide security to animals.  | - | -Imperative      |
| • Don't disobey environmental regulations       | - | -Prohibition     |

**Activity 02: A)** I write the comparative form the adjectives between brackets: (1,5)

The white rhino is about 20 cm ..... (**tall**) than the black rhino and the white is a lot .....(**heavy**) weighing about 600 kilograms .The black rhino is shy, but the white rhino is .....(**friendly**) and spends time in groups.

**B) Join the sentences (A/B) and write two sentences to express cause and effect (1;5):**

a- protecting wild animals is our responsibility.

b- they are on the way of extinction.

1- Expressing cause:.....

2- Expressing effect:.....

**Activity 03:** I cross out(✕) the silent letter from each word from the list:

Doubt- climb- ghost- sword –castle-wreck – hour- whole- nestle

### Part two: written expression (6points)

**The Barbary macaque** is on the way of extinction. Write a short report to present this endangered species to your classmates using the following notes:

#### **The profile**

**Common name:** Barbary macaque

**Scientific name:** Macaca sylvanus

**Habitat:** ground-dwelling monkey, live in groups in the up land forests of Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco.

**Lifespan:** males live to around 25 years , females live up to 30 years.

**Physical description:** thick, brown-yellow fur, their underside is a lighter shade, no visible tail.

**Primary diet:** omnivore: -**animal food:** amphibians, insects.

- **Plant food:** leaves, roots and tubers.

**IUCN status:** endangered species since 2008.

**Reasons of extinction:** deforestation, illegal wildlife trafficking, human settlements

