

The text:

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It includes a 20.000 m² praying hall which can hold a capacity of 120.000 people. It will also have its own library which can host 6,000 people at a time. A Quran school will be part of the school with the hope of graduating imams and religion researchers. The mosque's minaret is nearly 265m in height with 43 floors. Each floor has a museum that documents a specific historical era of Islam. There are three floors under the mosque including a car park with a capacity to hold 6,000 vehicles. The mosque's minaret is the tallest building in the world.



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PART ONE (14 pts)

A) Reading Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following tasks:

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

<i>The Great Mosque of Algiers Fact File</i>	
Location:
Area:
Height:
Date of Construction:
Number of Floors:
Capacity of Car Park:

Task Two (03 pts): Answer the following questions.

- 1- Is the Great Mosque of Algiers the largest mosque in the world?
- 2- Can the praying hall hold one hundred twenty thousand people?
- 3- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

It (§1) =

which (§2) =

Task Three (02 pts): Find in the text words that are closest in the meaning to the following:

situated (§1) =

biggest (§1) =

type (§1) =

contains (§2) =

B) Mastery of Language (07 pts)

Task One (02 pts): Use the adjectives from the box below to complete the sentences:

exhausted (= very tired) – **delicious** (= very tasty) – **gorgeous** (= very nice) – **terrible** (= very bad)

- The Grand Mosque of Algiers is a place.
- We were because we spent the whole day sightseeing.
- The food we ate last night at the restaurant was, but the juice was

Task Two (03 pts): Rewrite the following paragraph, using the appropriate superlative form of the adjectives in brackets:

Algeria is (**large**) country in Africa. It has many fascinating monuments and landmarks. The Casbah is one of (**impressive**) sights in the capital. Djamaa El-Kebir is (**old**) mosque in Algiers.

Task Three (02 pts): Classify the following words in the table below:

finally – Great – located – library

/ei/ (day)	/ai/ (by)

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 "*Emir Abdelkader Mosque*" because it is the second biggest mosque in Algeria. Write him/ her your reply.

This File Facts may help you:

File Facts

- **Monument:** *Emir Abdelkader Mosque*
- **Location:** *Constantine, Algeria*
- **Designer/ Architect:** *The Egyptian engineer, Mostafa Moussa*
- **Date of construction:** *October 31st 1994.*
- **Height:** *107 meters high*



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Location:	<i>Al-Mohammadiya area of Algiers</i>
Area:	<i>200,000 square meters (m²)</i>
Height:	<i>nearly 265m</i>
Date of Construction:	<i>August 16th, 2012</i>
Number of Floors:	<i>43</i>
Capacity of Car Park:	<i>6,000 vehicles</i>

Task Two (03 pts): Answer the following questions.

- 1- Is the Great Mosque of Algiers the largest mosque in the world? ***No, it isn't.***
- 2- Can the praying hall hold one hundred twenty thousand people? ***Yes, it can.***
- 3- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

It (§1) = ***the Great Mosque***

which (§2) = ***praying hall***

Task Three (02 pts): Find in the text words that are closest in the meaning to the following:

situated (§1) = ***located***

biggest (§1) = ***largest***

type (§1) = ***kind***

contains (§2) = ***includes***

B) Mastery of Language (07 pts)

Task One (02 pts): Use the adjectives from the box below to complete the sentences:

exhausted (= very tired) – delicious (= very tasty) – gorgeous (= very nice) – terrible (= very bad)

- The Grand Mosque of Algiers is a ... *gorgeous* ... place.
- We were ... *exhausted* ... because we spent the whole day sightseeing.
- The food we ate last night at the restaurant was ... *delicious* ..., but the juice was ... *terrible*

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Algeria is (large) ... *the largest* ... country in Africa. It has many fascinating monuments and landmarks. The Casbah is one of (impressive) ... *the most impressive* ... sights in the capital. Djamaa El-Kebir is (old) ... *the oldest* ... mosque in Algiers.

Task Three (02 pts): Classify the following words in the table below:

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<i>Great – located</i>	<i>finally – library</i>

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This File Facts may help you:

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Subject

Hi John,

How are you doing? I hope you're doing well. I received your last email that you asked me to give you some information about the most famous landmark in my country or in the world. I'm glad to give you the following information about *Emir Abdelkader Mosque* .

Emir Abdelkader Mosque is located in *Constantine, Algeria*. It was designed by *The Egyptian engineer, Mostafa Moussa*. It was opened in *October 31st 1994*. This monument reaches a height of *107 meters high*.

This is a brief information about it, if you want I will give you more information in my next email.

keep in touch.
Your friend.

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