

English Exam N° 2

Zohra Drif: An Algerian Freedom Fighter

Zohra Drif is a living legend of the Algerian freedom movement. She was born on December 28, 1934, in Tissemsilt, a small town in western Algeria. She was born into a wealthy family, which allowed her to attend the French school and the University of Algiers, where she studied law.

As a twenty-year-old law student, Zohra Drif joined the National Liberation Front (FLN) shortly after the beginning of the Algerian Revolution against French colonization. She was part of the FLN's bomb network. Alongside with other prominent figures such as: Ali La Pointe, Djamila Bouhired, Hassiba Ben Bouali, and Yacef Saâdi, head of the Autonomous Zone of Algiers. Zohra Drif conducted or supported several high-profile operations to draw international attention to France's abuses against the local population and the Algerians' struggle for freedom. On September 30, 1956, she set a bomb in the Milk Bar, a French Café, frequented by Pieds-Noirs: the colonialists. The attack resulted in the death of three young women and the injury of several others. In September 1957, Zohra Drif was arrested and sentenced to 20 years of forced labor. She was imprisoned in Algeria and later in France. After Algeria gained independence in 1962, she was released from prison and was soon elected to Algeria's first National Constituent Assembly.

In 2013, Zohra Drif published her book "*Inside the Battle of Algiers: Memoir of A Woman Freedom Fighter*", in which she narrates her early life and time in the Algerian resistance to French colonial rule. She justifies her involvement in the armed struggle during Algeria's war of independence as the only option.

Zohra Drif also served as a senator in Algeria's Council of the Nation from 2001 to 2016.



Adapted from:
justworldbooks.com/books/inside-battle-algiers/
muse.jhu.edu/article

Part One: (14pts)

A/ Reading Comprehension: (07pts)

Activity one: Write: True – False – Not Mentioned. (3pts)

1. Zohra Drif is a prominent Algerian artist.
2. In 1962, she married Rabah Bitat, one of the founding architects of Algeria's liberation movement.
3. "Inside the Battle of Algiers: Memoir of A Woman Freedom Fighter" was printed in 2013.

Activity two: Answer the questions: (02 pts)

1. Did Zohra Drif join the National Liberation Front at the end of the Algerian Revolution?
2. Why did she conduct several high-profile operations against the French colonialists?

Activity three: Lexis: (02pts)

a) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the followings: (01pt)

liberty =

famous =

b) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the followings: (01pt)

died ≠

peace ≠

B/ Mastery of language: (7pts)

Activity One: Correct the underlined mistakes. (02 pts)

Djamila Bouhired iz an absolute icon of the Algerian Revolution and an egzample of challenge two the nation's indipendense.

Activity two: Rewrite the following passage or sentences using the suitable tense: (3pts)

Djamila Bouhired is one of the most prominent women who (to resist) against the Colonialism. She (to take) part in several commando's operations during Algiers Battle. She (to be) captured by the French army and sentenced to the death in 1958.

Activity three: Write the following words in the right box according to the pronunciation of their final "ed": (2 pts)

conducted – sentenced – published – released

/t/	/d/	/Id/
1.	1.	1.
2.		

Part Two: Integrated Situation. (6 pts)

Algeria has got numerous prominent outstanding figures. Some are still alive and others died, one of them **Imam Abdelhamid Ben Badis**.

Write an article about this famous historical personage using the following information:

Name: Abdelhamid Ben Badis

Role: famous Algerian - scholar

Known as the leader of the Reform Movement in Algeria

Date/place of birth: December 4th ,1889 – Constantine

Date of death: April 16th , 1940

Accomplishments:

- * (to **publish**) the monthly Al Shihab newspaper - 1925
- * (to **found**) the Association of the Algerian Muslim Scholars (Ulma) -1931
- * (to **lay**) the foundation for the Algerian nation



Good Luck