

The Third Term Examination

Part 1. Reading /

(15 pts)

A. Comprehension

(8 pts)

On 11 April 2018, at 07:50 local time, an Ilyushin Il-76TD aircraft of the Algerian Air Force's crashed just outside the perimeter of Boufarik Airport, Boufarik, from which it had recently taken off. Witnesses reported that the wing of the aircraft had caught fire prior to the crash. All 10 crew and 247 passengers on board were killed. One eyewitness told local television: "We saw bodies burned. It is a real disaster". Among the passengers were 176 members of the Algerian People's National Army. Many of these soldiers and officers were traveling with family members.

Thirty Saharawi students and other civilians from the refugee camps in Tindouf were among the dead according to officials of the Saharawi Republic. They had been visiting Algiers for various medical and bureaucratic reasons.

Local authorities dispatched fourteen ambulances, ten fire apparatus and 130 personnel to attend to the crash site. As a result of the crash, the road between Boufarik and Blida was temporarily closed to traffic.

Following the accident, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the ex- President of Algeria, declared three days of national mourning. For his part, Ahmed Gaid Salah, Chief of Staff of the Algerian Army, ordered an investigation to determine the cause of the unfortunate accident.

Adapted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org>

1) **The text is taken from:**

- a- A newspaper
- b- a book
- c- a website

2) **Say whether the following statements are true or false.**

- a. Most of the air crash victims were from the Algerian People's National Army. ....
- b. Many soldiers and officers were accompanied by their relatives. ....
- c. 13 Saharawi students and other civilians died in the air crash. ....
- d. The local authorities didn't do anything to attend the crash site. ....

3) **Answer the following questions according to the text.**

- a. Where had the aircraft taken off from?  
.....
- b. Were all the passengers on board killed?  
.....
- c. Why did the ex- President of Algeria declare three days of national mourning ?  
.....

4) **What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to**

- a- We (§1) .....
- b- his (§2) .....

5) **Classify the following ideas according to the order in which they appear in the text.**

- a. The death of 257 people on board of the aircraft.
- b. An order to look for the reasons of the accident.
- c. The when and where of the accident.

Order: 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( )

**B. Text exploration**

(7pts)

**1. Find in the text words closest in meaning to the followings :**

- a. catastrophe = .....§1
- b. Different = .....§2
- c. announced= ..... §4

**2. Divide the following words into root and affixes as it is shown in the example.**

	Word	Prefix	Root	Suffix
Eg.	impersonal	Im	Person	Al
	Unfortunate			
	Civilian			
	Various			

**3. Re-write sentence b so that it means the same as sentence a.**

- a. The reporter asked an eyewitness: "what time has the plane crashed?"
- b. The reporter asked an eyewitness .....
- a. Witnesses reported that the wing of the aircraft had caught fire prior to the crash.
- b. Witnesses reported, "....."
- a. People had better not panic during disasters.
- b. People.....

**4. Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "ed".**

reported                  declared                  burned                  crashed

/t/	/d/	/Id/

**5. Fill in the gaps with words from the following list.**

catastrophic - both - transportation - occur

Air travel is one of the safest modes of ..... Air accidents occasionally happen but compared to road accidents, they are very rare. They may ..... due to an error during take-off or landing and can have ..... consequences. There are steps that can be taken by individuals to further ensure ..... health and safety of the passengers during any trip.

**Part Two : Written Expression**

(5pts)

**Choose ONE of the following topics.**

**Topic one :** Thanks to the wisdom of the Algerian pilot, the military plane crashed into an isolated field in the town of Boufarik. Imagine what would happen if the crash occurred in a more populated area. These notes may help you.

- death of tens of civilians on the ground.
- burning of many houses.
- many homeless.
- air pollution.

**Topic two :** You live in a seismic area which is threatened by earthquakes. Write a **dialogue** in which you ask an earthquake expert to give you some pieces of advice about what you should do before, during and after an earthquake.

