



### The Great Mosque of Algiers

Located in the city of Algiers, "the great mosque of Algiers" (Djamaa el Jazair) is one of the most famous landmarks in Algeria. It has the world's tallest mosque tower and it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mosque in the world after the Mosque of Mecca and Al-Masjid an-Nabawi of Medina.



The construction of the mosque started in 2012 and took nearly 8 years to be opened to people officially by the president in 2020. The mosque was designed by German architects from Jürgen Engel designing group. This fascinating landmark covers a huge area of almost 400,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The prayer hall can take up to 37 000 people at the same time and has a parking space for more than 7 000 cars which makes it the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest mosque in the world.

The most remarkable part is the tower (minaret) of the mosque, which is 265 meters tall, making it the tallest mosque's minaret in the world. The mosque's includes a Quranic school, a library that can host a million books, a museum of Islamic art.

<https://InternationalQuranNewsAgency.ir/en/news>

#### Part one:

**Reading comprehension:** Read the text carefully then do the following activities (7 pts)

**Activity one: Read the text and complete the following information (03pts)**

Landmark's name: ..... Location: ..... period of construction: ..... Designers: ..... Area (Surface): ..... Tower Height: .....
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**Activity two: Read the text again and answer the following questions (2pts)**

- 1- Is the "Great Mosque of Algiers" bigger than the Mosques of Mecca and Medina?
- 2- When was the "Great mosque of Algiers" opened?

**Activity three: (2 pts): Match each words with its definition**

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| 1- A museum   | A- A very tall building often square or circular.                |
| 2- A designer | B- Someone (person) who plans and imagines how to build a place, |
| 3- A tower    | C- A place where very old historical objects are kept.           |
| 4- A mosque   | D- A building made for prayers and religious Islamic activities. |

**Mastery of language: (7pts)****Activity one: Spot the mistakes and write the corrected sentence (2 pts)**

Timgad is an Roman old city. It is built in the 1<sup>st</sup> century by the Emperor Trajan. He was listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site on 1982.

**Activity two: Rewrite the following sentences using the passive voice (3 pts)**

- 1- The emperor built Timgad.
- 2- The Nomads destroyed the city in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.
- 3- In 1982, UNESCO listed Timgad as a world heritage site.

**Activity four: Cross (X) the word with different sound from every list: (2pts)**

/ai/: cry - die - day - By

/ei/: stay - explain - High - Plane

/ai/: take- fight - Hi - dry

/ei/: situated -play - May - nice

**Part two : Situation of integration (6pts)**

Algeria is full of outstanding landmarks and historic sites that reflect Algeria's rich history and its fascinating nature and culture. The ancient city of Timgad is one of them.

Write a short descriptive paragraph about this special site.

**Fact file**

**Monument:** *Timgad*    **Type:** Roman city

**Location:** Aures Mountains, Batna

**Maker (to make/ to found):** The Roman emperor Trajan

**Date of construction (to build):** 1<sup>st</sup> century

**Material (to make):** Stones and Bricks

**Area (surface):** 2 km<sup>2</sup>

**The use (to use):** as a Roman military defence.

**Date of destruction (to destroy):** 7<sup>th</sup> Century / by the nomads

**Date of listing by UNESCO (to list):** 1982



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**– YES, WE CAN! –**