



### World Best Architectural Design for 2021

The Mosque of Algiers, also known as Djemaa El Djazair, was inaugurated in 2019. It was chosen as one of the best international architectural designs for the year 2021. It won the annual award granted by the Chicago Museum as revealed by the United States Embassy in Algeria.

Algiers Mosque is the largest mosque in Africa and the third in the world after Al Masjid El-Haram in Mecca and Al Masjid En-Nabawi in Medina. This religious, scientific and tourist building extends over an area of 400,000 square metres. It is situated in El Mohammadia, Algiers. It includes a prayer hall of 20,000 square meters with a capacity of more than 120,000 worshippers.

The mosque is characterized by the largest minaret in the world with a height of more than 265 meters. It consists of 43 floors. It also includes other facilities such as a "House of Quran" with a capacity of 1,500 seats, an amphitheatre, a cultural centre with an exhibition hall and a library that accommodates a million books, as well as a car park that can contain 7,000 cars, and a large yard surrounded by gardens and basins.

The Mosque of Algiers is truly a masterpiece of art as well as an outstanding example of rich and prospering history in the religion of Islam and the country of Algeria.

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#### Read the text and do the following activities:

#### Part One: (14 pts.)

#### A/ Reading Comprehension: (07 pts.)

#### Activity One: Complete the table with information from the text: (03 pts.)

Name of the landmark	Date of inauguration	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Location	Area of the prayer hall (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of floors of the minaret

#### Activity Two: Answer the following questions: (02 pts.)

- 1- Is the mosque of Algiers the largest one in the world?
- 2- What facilities does it contain? Name two (02) of them.

#### Activity Three: Lexis: (02 pts.)

#### a/ Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (01 pt.)

- 1- selected = .....
- 2- located = .....

#### b/ Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following: (01 pt.)

- 1- less ≠ .....
- 2- poor ≠ .....

**B/ Mastery of Language: (07 pts.)**

**Activity One: Supply the punctuation and capital letters where necessary: (02 pts.)**

Eiffel tower is the highest landmark in paris france.

**Activity Two: Complete the following passage using the superlative form of the adjective in brackets: (03 pts.)**

London is known for its touristic attractions. Big Ben is (famous) ..... one. It has (heavy) ..... bell in the world. In addition, London Eye gives tourists (good) ..... view of the city.

**Activity Three: Write the following words in the right box according to their final "ed" pronunciation: (02 pts.)**

designed – surrounded – constructed - finished

/ t /	/ d /	/ id /
1- .....	1- .....	1- ..... 2- .....

**Part Two: (06 pts.)**

**Situation of Integration:**

You were surfing a tourism web page to design a leaflet about landmarks in Algeria on the occasion of the World Tourism Day. Many articles about international landmarks attracted your attention. You want to show the tourists all over the world that your beloved country, Algeria, has fascinating landmarks, too.

Write a short article about a famous landmark (a monument, a historic building, a citadel, ruins, a national park...) in your country and share it on that web page.

You can mention:

- the name of the landmark
- its location
- its description
- when it was built
- ...