

### Russia

Russia is organizing the Football World Cup which will take place from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Thirty two countries are participating in this 21<sup>st</sup> edition. Among them there are five Arabic and Islamic countries (Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Iran and Tunisia). Russia is hosting this competition for the first time. It will be the first World Cup held in Europe since the 2006 tournament in Germany. This country participated three times in the World Cup in (1994, 2002, 2014) and in 2018 qualified as hosts . Do you know Russia?

It is the largest country in the world, its area is 17,125,200 square kilometres, covering more than one-eighth of the Earth's inhabited land area, and the ninth most populous, with over 144 million people at the end of December 2017 with a density of 8,4 persons per square kilometre. Its capital city is Moscow. Saint Petersburg, Vladivostok and Yekaterinburg are the main cities. Russian is the only official language.

In Russia there are about 41 declared working national parks where they keep and watch nature very strictly. Lucini ostrov reserve in Moscow is a huge forest. Wild animals like brown and polar bears, Amur tigers, grey wolves and red foxes live in the forest now enjoy protection against hunting.

Russia is famous for its Russian Architecture such as Saint Basil's Cathedral which is the most impressive one, in the red square in Moscow. It is also famous for its Russian cuisine and the Russian dolls (Matryoshkas) are considered to be one of the nation's symbols that tourists buy while visiting Russia and the most popular sport in Russia is football.

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RUSSIA 2018

### PART ONE (14 points)

#### A/- Reading Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

#### Activity One: (02 points): Answer the following questions.

- 1- Is Russia hosting the 2018 Football World Cup?
- 2- Will Algeria participate in this World Cup?

#### Activity Two: (03 points): Complete the table with information from the text.

Country	Area	Number of people	Density	Capital	Language	Famous sport
Russia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

#### Activity Three: (02 points): Match the words in column A with their equivalents in column B.

A	B
1- big	a- well-known
2- inhabitants	b- principal
3- main	c- large
4- famous	d- people

**B/ Mastery of Language (07 points)**

**Activity One: (02 points): Reorder the following words to get coherent sentences.**

- 1- large / a / Algeria / country / is / . /  
2- Algeria / The fennec / is / animal / . / famous / in / a /

**Activity Two: (03 points): Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

The Algerian team (to participate) in the 2014 Football World Cup, which (to take) place in Brazil. The Algerian team (not participate) in Russia World Cup because it didn't qualify.

**Activity Three: (02 points): Pick out from the text four words and complete the table according to the pronunciation of their final - s.**

/ s /	/ z /	/ iz /
1- .....	1- ..... 2- .....	1- .....

**PART TWO: Written Expression (06 points)**

A Russian friend of yours knows that Algeria is not going to participate in the 2018 Football World Cup. He / She wants to have more information about Algeria.

Write him / her a letter telling him / her about:

- Situation / area / population
- Capital / main cities
- Famous for

**DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME.**

**Good Luck in the B.E.M 2018**

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