

TEXT

The Taj Mahal is one of the best and most famous mausoleums in the world. It is located on the banks of River Yamuna at Agra, India. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. It took more than twenty years to complete this splendid edifice in memory of the Emperor's beloved queen.

The name "Taj Mahal" means crown of palace. It is considered as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It is made of white marble and surrounded by outstanding gardens and fountains.

The height of Taj Mahal is 73 metres, and the main attractive feature is the central dome which is surrounded by four smaller domes and four minarets at each corner.

The Taj Mahal was designed as a UNESCO World Heritage in 1983 for being "the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of world's heritage". It is considered as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Many tourists come to see this beautiful structure from different parts of the world.



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A/ Reading Comprehension: (7 points)

Task 1: Complete the table below with information from the text. (2 points)

Name of the landmark	Location	Height	Date of construction

Task 2: Read the text then answer the following questions. (3 points)

- 1- Why did emperor Shah Jahan build this monument ?
- 2- Is Taj Mahal considered as one of the seven Wonders of the World?
- 3- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

It:

Which:



Task 3: I find in the text words that are closest in meaning to: (1 point)

Impressive = Constructed=

I find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to: (1 point)

Horrible ≠ Bigger ≠

B/ *Mastery of language:* (7 points)

Task 1: Insert the capital letters and the right punctuation. (2 points)

The spanish painter Pablo picasso was born in granada

Task 2: Join the sentences using the right conjunction. (3points)

- 1- The weather was awful. I decided to study at home. (since - so)
- 2- We didn't visit the Louvre Museum. We stayed only one day in Paris. (because - as a result)
- 3- Tourists prefer going to The Hoggar Mountains. There are spectacular views. (therefore -

Task 3: Classify the words from the list into the chart according to the pronunciation of the final "ed". (2 points)

founded - laughed - constructed - enjoyed

/id/	/t/	/d/

C/ *Written Expression:* (6 points)

You are asked to write an article about "Eiffel Tower" for you school magazine.
- Use the information in the chart below and write your article.

Name of the landmark	Location	The designer	Height	Date of construction	Listed by UNESCO
Eiffel Tower	Paris * (France)	Alexander G. Eiffel	324 metres	31 st March 1889	Since 1991



Alexander G. Eiffel

Eiffel Tower (Paris)

