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الموضوع الأول

Part One: Reading.

(15 points)

A. Comprehension.

(07 pts)

Read the text then do the activities that follow.

Algeria, a Melting Pot of Civilisations

A melting pot of cultural influences, Algeria is a highly underrated North African tourist destination that has a lot to offer to the historically and culturally minded tourist. With a veritable treasure trove of past ruins ranging from French to Spanish and Berber to Roman, it's no wonder the ruins here are almost as good as the architecture that still remains.

The UNESCO regards Timgad as a fantastic example of a Roman colonial town. Set in the hills of the northern Aurès Mountains, some of the must-see points there is the Trajan Arch, which was restored at some point in the second century. In addition, there is the Capitoline Temple which is approximately the same size as the Pantheon in Rome, it is a beautiful example of the logistics of Roman town planning.

Moving away from Roman ruins, the Qal'a of Beni Hammad was in the 11th century the first capital city of the Hammadid rulers. Not much survives in this fortified city; however, it still shows what life was like before its abandonment in 1900 due to the threat of a Hilalian invasion. Qal'a of Beni Hammad, a true heritage of Islamic civilisation, is also home to the second oldest minaret in the country.

Adapted from: [The Coolest Ancient Ruins in Algeria, Africa \(theculturetrip.com\)](http://theculturetrip.com)

1. Choose the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

The text is extracted from a: a. Book b. Newspaper c. Website article

2. Choose the answer which best replaces the underlined word.

- A. The ruins here are as good as the architecture that still remains.
a) exists b) disappears c) collapses
- B. Trajan Arch was restored at some point in the second century.
a) stolen b) brought back c) destroyed
- C. The Capitoline Temple is approximately the same size as the Pantheon in Rome.
a) nearly b) generally c) highly
- D. Not much survives in this fortified city.
a) strengthened b) stylish c) weakened

3. Answer the following questions according to the text.

- a. What does Algeria offer to a historically and culturally minded tourist?
b. When was the Trajan Arch in Timgad restored?
c. Was Qal'a of Beni Hammad the capital of Roman empire? Justify.

4. Who or what do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a. There (§2) b. Its (§3)

B. Text Exploration.

(08 pts)

1. Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following.

- a. Undervalued (§1) b. Conquering (§3)

2. Divide the following words into roots and affixes.

Construction – Misfortunate – Government – Decolonisation

Prefix	Root	Suffix

3. Combine the pairs of sentences using the word between brackets and make necessary changes.

1. a- Hammadid dynasty existed in Algeria. Hammadid dynasty fell down to Hilalian invasion. (*before*)
2. a- Civilisations collapsed a long time ago. Remains of civilisations still exist today. (*However*)
3. a- The Roman empire was famous at its prime. It had a special architecture. (*Due to*)

4. Fill in the gaps with words from the list given.

architecture – civilisation – archaeologists – flourished

The Numidian civilization(1)..... in North Africa from the 3rd century BC to the 3rd century AD. They were known for their impressive ... (2) ... and elaborate festivals. Today, only a few remains of their(3).... exist, but they continue to fascinate historians and(4).... alike.

Part Two: Written Expression.

(05 points)

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Topic One:

You were amazed by how successful ancient civilisations were and you decided to do research to learn about the reasons why they collapsed. Write an article of about 80 to 120 words in which you explain the reasons behind the collapse of ancient civilisations

Make the best use of the following guidelines:

- Eruption / wars and disputes / invasions
- Spread / famine and diseases / poverty
- Change of climate / no precipitation / lack of crops

Topic Two:

You watched a documentary about the Finnish education system and how successful it was. Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words to suggest ways to improve the education system in Algeria.

