

Text :

Mecca is a city in **Saudi Arabia**, a country in the Middle East. The city was the birthplace of the prophet **Mohamed (Peace Be Upon Him)**. Muslims all over the world turn toward Mecca to pray five times each day. It is the world's holiest city to Muslims. Because of that, only Muslims are allowed to enter Mecca.

Every healthy wealthy Muslim has to do a **pilgrimage**, to Mecca at least once. The pilgrimage, or *hajj*, is one of the five duties of every Muslim. The pilgrims visit the Great Mosque. In the mosque's courtyard is the holy Kaabah ; a small building with 15 metres high covered with a black cloth that is called Kiswa which is the symbol of Muslims unity. El Kaabah also contains the Black Stone of Mecca. It is said that the stone was from the paradise.

The millions of pilgrims who visit Mecca each year are important to the city's economy. Many city residents work at jobs providing food, housing, and other services to the pilgrims.

-----Adapted from Wikipedia.-----

Part one : comprehension of the text : (07 pts)

Task one : Read the the text then answer with « True », « False », or « Not entioned »

- 1- Mecca is not a city of economy.
- 2- Kiswa is made of silk, silver and gold.
- 3- The pilgrimage is a must for the healthy wealthy Muslims.

Task Two : Read the text and answer the questions : (02pts)

- 1- What is the pilgrimage ?
- 2- Is Mecca a very active city during the pilgrimage ?

Task Three : A) Find in the text the synonym of : (01pt)

Town = occupations =

A) Find in the text the opposite to : (01pt)

Uncovered =/= Low =/=

Mastery of Language : (07pts)

Task One : Put the right punctuation and capital letter where necessary :

mecca is a sacred city therefore , the Muslim people visit it

Task Two : Write the following sentences into the passive form : (03pts)

- 1- The prophet Abraham and his son Ismail built the Kaaba.
- 2- In 1994, the architect Mustapha Moussa designed El Amir Abedkader Mosque.
- 3- Engineers used stone and marble to decorate Mecca.

Task three : Classify these words in the table according to the vowel sounds :

Design- birthplace- great-five.

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Part Two : (06pts)

There are so many landmarks in Algeria. El amir Abedkader Mosque is one of them. using the fact file below. Write a short paragraph about this historical, cultural and religious masterpiece.

Fact File.

Landmark : El Emir Abedkader Mosque.

Location : Constantine- 390 kilometers East Algiers – Algeria.

Date of construction : 1984.

Designer (architect) : Mustapha Moussa.

Builders : Algerian workers.

Material : stone and marble.

Date of inauguration (opening) : 1994

Area : 13 hectares.

Description : 2nd large mosque.

Capacity : 19000 worshippers.

Content : Islamic University. 2 minarets each one 107 metres high.

Today's proverb :

Think before you ink.