

Education in Algeria

Education in Algeria is free of any charge, but private schools are authorized by the law. It is also compulsory under the constitution. All Algerian schools are mixed sex. The academic year starts in September and ends in June for southern regions and July for the other parts of the country with two 15 days break in December and March.

The educational system is structured as follows: the pre-school, the primary school, the middle school, the tertiary is the secondary school and at last comes the university level. At five years old, the Algerian children go to the pre-schools which are generally close to their houses. At the age of six, they often start their primary education in the same school. At the end of this stage pupils should take a final exam to be able to move to the middle school where they fulfill their four years of study. Later on, they should sit for another exam called the "BEM" that they must pass for admission to secondary education which begins at age 15 and ends when students take the baccalaureate examination before they proceed to one of the universities, state technical institutes, or vocational training centers which fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, as well as by institutes run by other ministries. The specific degrees awarded are determined by the field of study, not the institution. The Ministry of Higher Education approves the curriculum, which is standardized for each field of study.

Part one

Reading comprehension

Task 01: I say if the statements are true or false .

- a-Education in Algeria is a chargeable service.
- b-The academic years starts in June and ends in September.
- c-Private schools are not authorize by the law.

Task02: I answer the questions according to the text.

a-When do the Algerian students have their 15 days breaks ?

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b-At what age do the Algerian children go to the pre-school ?

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c-How can a student join a university?

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Task 03:

a-I find in the text words or expressions which are closest in meaning to the following ones.

Holidays=..... nursery school=.....

b- I find in the text words or expressions which are opposite in meaning the following ones.

Paid≠..... public≠.....

Mastery of language

Task 01: I pick out from the text words which contain clusters at different positions

Clusters at beginning	Clusters at middle	Cluster at end
1-	1-	1-

Task 02: I put the verbs in the right tenses.

Pupils (to join) the high school if they (to succeed) their B.E.M exam.

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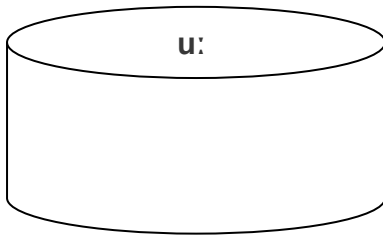
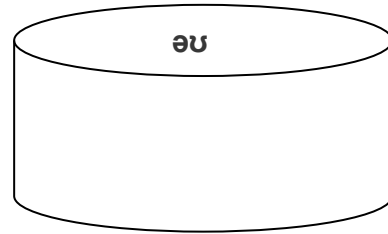
As soon as children (to finish) their pre-school stage , they (to begin) their primary school stage .

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Task 03:

I classify the following words according to the sound corresponding to the symbols in the cylinders

Two -Go- School- Also



Part two:

Situation of integration

Your pen -friend sent you a letter about his/her country's pre-university educational system in which he/she explained you how do they follow their studies, then he/she asked you to inform him/her about yours.

Write a short letter in which you summarize the Algerian Main stages of educational system .

Dear friend,

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Good Luck

Name:.....
Class:4MS...
Duration: 1h.

First English Test (Second Term)

A lot of people enjoy surfing on the Net. They look for interesting Websites and chat with people all over the world. However, some people spend so many hours on line that they are Internet addicts. Although an average person spends about eight to twelve hours per week, an addict spends eight to twelve hours a day on line.

Psychologists have started to define terms like Facebook addiction in their reports. Social media sites can be so addicting that people, especially do not want to spend time with anything else, they live their relationships in a virtual world. Internet addiction negatively affects not only the addicts themselves, but also the people around them.

Students become nonstop Net surfers. They spend too much time surfing the Net instead of surfing their textbooks..

People often choose to talk to each other via mobile phone, Skype or communicate via Facebook because they may be afraid of getting to know each other, face to face.

Facebook has defined privacy in a new way. Many things that should be private have become public. Social media has changed the world. Facebook, Twitter and others are omnipresent. They are the last things we worry about when we go to bed and the first things we check on when we get up.

Adapted from: <http://answers.yahoo.com>

Part one: A/ Reading Comprehension. 7pts

Activity one: Read the text carefully then write true, false or not mentioned.(2pts)

- 1- Internet addicts use the Internet very often
- 2- Addiction to Internet makes people very shy.
- 3 - Spending so much time in the Net affects our lives positively
- 4 -At first it was designed for students. Facebook was created in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg

Activity two: Answer the following questions according to the text. (3pts)

1. In which paragraph is it mentioned the number of hours spent on line which makes the person an addict?
2. Has social media changed our lives?
3. What do the underlined words refer to?

They →

their →

Activity three: Fill in the gaps with the following words: **connect , social , largest , online , with** (2pts)

Facebook is a..... networking site that makes it easy for you towith your family and friends..... At first it was designed for students. Facebook was created in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg . Today, Facebook is the world's social network.

B/ **Mastery of Language.** 7pts

Activity one: Supply punctuation and capitalization where necessary (2pts)
 nowadays people prefer to communicate through mobiles, skype or facebook

Activity two: Give the correct form of the verbs between brackets. (3pts)

- Social media such as Facebook, Twitter (to affect) our lives negatively .
- Today, most of teenagers(to have)accounts on social networks, and they (to be).....
 addicted to online games.

Activity three : Pick out from the text words that contain the following sounds.

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Part Two: Situation of Integration (06pts)

Internet has made world like a small village, by sharing global information. Use the given notes and write a short paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.

(Makes research easier , rapid, efficient / lot of uses in many fields / saves time...etc // People waste their time –may lose their works and studies ---be far from real life --- affects their health badly)

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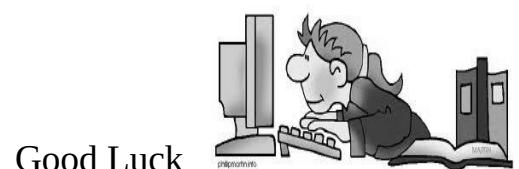
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Good Luck

TEXT:

People need trees. They need to see leaves from their windows, to sit in a green space, and to play in the shade. Trees make life more beautiful and

pleasant. So, we feel very relaxed, peaceful and tranquil.

Trees help us to breathe pure air by taking carbon dioxide out of the air and producing oxygen. One acre of trees eliminates 6 tons of CO₂ from the atmosphere and produces 4 tons of oxygen in one year.

Everyone knows that trees are valuable and beneficial. They beautify the environment, moderate the climate, conserve water, act as desert barriers, and give habitats to animals. They also help us to save energy through their cooling shade in summer and their wind reduction, in winter.



part ONE: I/ READING COMPREHENSION

Activity one: Say whether the following statements are true or false. (03pts)

- 1) Trees take oxygen and give carbon dioxide.
- 2) People don't benefit from trees.
- 3) Trees stop desertification.

Activity two- Read the text and answer the following questions: (03pts)

- 1) Are trees beneficial?
- 2) How much oxygen does an acre of trees produce?

Activity three:

1- Find in the text words which are closest or opposite in meaning to the following: (02pts)

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| a- precious = | b- keep = |
| c- nervy ≠ | d- damage ≠ |

II/ MASTERY OF LANGUAGE

- Activity one: complete sentences by so or Neither(02pt)

- 1) We went to the concert lastnight.....they.
- 2) She can't speak two languages.....he.
- 3) My brother had eaten too much.....I.
- 4) Stephanie doesn't go to the party.....Mary.

Activity two: circle the silent letter: (02pts)

Environment knight cucumber wistle

Activity three:

- Fill in the gaps using: flowers – protect – danger – are –cities –died. (03pts)

The environment is in..... The seas and riverspolluted. There are noin the gardens. Theare very noisy and the air is full of smoke. Many forests and animals What can we do toour environment?

Part two WRITTEN EXPRESSION (06pts)

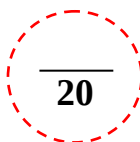
The world is facing the problem of pollution, too and you are a member in an organization for the protection of the environment .write a paragraph of about 8 to 10 lines in which you suggest some solutions to protect the environment .

School year: 2017/2018

Date: Thursday, January 18th, 2018.

Level: 4th M.S

Name: **THE SECOND TERM TEST (1)**



Duration: 1h



If I Find a Magic Lamp

If I walk down the beach one day and I find a magic lamp, I will pick it up and rub it. If it is a real magic lamp, a genie will come out in a cloud of smoke and he will call me master, but I don't believe there is really a magic lamp. He will say that he will grant me three wishes. I will have to think very hard about those wishes because I won't waste them. I don't want millions of dollars. Money doesn't buy happiness, or so they say. I might wish for good health, because if your health isn't good, you won't be able to enjoy anything. Some people might wish for beauty. Some people will wish for a mansion, or a beautiful car or a big boat. I don't want any of those things. Some people want fame. Some people will want talent. Some people would wish for happiness. That might be a good thing to wish for.



Yes, maybe I'd wish for health and happiness, but what will my third wish be? I can wish for something enormous, something global. I can wish for world peace. That will be a wonderful thing if somebody can grant me that. Yes, that will probably be my third wish. It's too bad there aren't any genies inside magic lamps. I won't get my three wishes. I can still work toward getting my wishes. I can eat well and exercise to stay healthy. I can be involved with a lot of things and be with my friends to stay happy. I can volunteer my time to organizations to help achieve world peace. I can only get what I want through self-determination and hard work. That is the key to getting your wishes fulfilled.

Adapted from: "English via listening"

PART ONE:

A) Reading Comprehension

Activity One (03pts): Answer the following questions.

- 1-Does money buy happiness?.....
- 2-Will people wish for planes and trains?.....
- 3- Are self-determination and hard work the key to fulfil your wishes?.....

Activity Two (02pts): Read the following statements and write true, false, not mentioned.

- 1-The author believes strongly that magic lamps exist.→.....
- 2-The genie of the magic lamp is Aladdin's friend. →.....
- 3-The author doesn't want millions of dollars.→.....
- 4-If the author rubs the lamp, a pretty mermaid will come out of it.→.....

Activity Three (02pts): Match each word with its appropriate definition:

Words	Definitions
genie	- a small vessel for travel on water.
wish	- freedom from and the cessation of war or violence.
peace	- a magic spirit imprisoned and capable of granting wishes.
boat	- to express a strong desire or hope for something.

B) Mastery of language

Activity One (02pts): Write the noun forms of the following verbs or nouns, using a suffix:

Act	
Novel	
Build	
Magic	

Activity Two (03pts): Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

- 1- If she (to work) hard, she (to be) a good actress.
2- He (to earn) money before he (to travel) around the world.
3- Please, (not to forget) to call us when you (to arrive)

Activity Three (02pts): Find in the text words that thyme with the following:

Game→.....

Achieve→.....

Species→.....

Light→.....

PART TWO (06pts): Written Expression



If you find the Aladdin magic lamp and you rub it, the genie comes out of it then asks you to make three wishes. What will you wish for? And what will you do in your future life? Write an email to tell your friend about your future dreams and plans.

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Full name:.....

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Ministry of National Education
Academy of Algiers East

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Grade: 4MS

2nd term - Exam

Academic Year: 2017/2018

Duration: 1Hour 30 min



Text:

There are more new inventions nowadays and life has become easier.” My grandfather who used to live in the Djurdjura, told me that.

Do you know that people used to live in houses of mud bricks and inside them, they used to build huge pottery jars called “Akufi” where they stored food. Men used to wear a burnous which is made of wool. Women used to make them.

They didn't use to prepare their food in metal utensils. They made pottery bowls which were put directly on the fire or into a clay oven and they used to drink cool and tasty water from the pottery jars.

At night, they didn't use to watch TV; they sat by the fire and listened to stories. Early in the morning, men used to go to their fields where they grew vegetables. They didn't use to have supermarkets and canned foods.

Source : Second Term English Exam – Ecole Salim(adapted)

Part one : (14 pts)

A / Reading Comprehension: (07 pts)

Task 01: Underline the most appropriate title: (01 pts)

- a) Life used to be easy b) Djurdjura c) Life in the past d) Grandfather

Task 02: Read the text carefully then pick out from the text 3 habits for each: (03 pts)

Habits they <u>used to</u> do	Habits they <u>didn't use to</u> do
1-.....	1-.....
2-.....	2-.....
3-.....	3-.....

Task 03:

1- What do the underlined words refer to in the text: (01 pts)

- 1- They = 2- them =

2- Find in the Text the synonyms to the following: (01 pt)

straight = stocked =

3- Find in the Text the antonyms to the following: (01 pt)

old ≠ late ≠

B/ Mastery of language: (07 pts)

Task 01: Supply the correct punctuation and capital letters where necessary: (02 pts)

⇒ from 1954 to 1962 algerians declined a revolution against french colonization.

Task 02: Rewrite these sentences by replacing the verb in past simple with “used to”: (03 pts)

1- We **solved** riddles in short time.

2- My friends and I spent the weekends together.

3- Tom Cruise was a gardener.

Task 03: Find in the text words that have the following sounds: (2pts)

/i/ (it)	/i:/ (eat)
1-	1-
2-	2-

Part two: Situation of integration: (06 pts)

⇒ Think about the time when you were a child/kid. Write a short paragraph in which you talk about your past habits:

- What you used to do?? (What you loved)
- What you didn't use to do?? (What you didn't love)

⇒ Hints to help you: used to – jump / eat / drink / play / study / watch / sleep.. – hide and seek / climbing trees / cartoons / candies ...

THE SECOND TERM TEST n=°2

Text:

2420 Beach Boulevard
Anaheim, Ca 92802
June 30th,

Dear friend,

Thank you for your letter and your photo. You look very nice! Summer is here. I'm so happy! I got my school-report. I did quite enough; at least that's what my parents say. My best mark is in Science. Really, I'm fond of this subject.

In the fall, I'll go to High School. In America, children go to school in one building from kindergarten to fifth grade. Then, they go to Junior High School for sixth, seventh and eighth grade. Then, they go to High School for ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade. After that, they go to college or university. What do you think you'll be when you get older? I think I'll be a science researcher.

How long is your summer break? We get about two months here, in the USA. What are you going to do in the summer? I'm going to the beach and in August, I'm going on a tour of Northern California. I'll send you some postcards from there, OK?

Will you send me some from the place where you spend summer vacation, please? Thank you. Enjoy your summer!

Love,
Angelina.

Part One: A/ Reading Comprehension: (07 pts)

Activity One: Read the following statements and put a cross (x) in the right box: (03 pts)

Statements	True	False	Not Mentioned
1-Angelina prefers mathematics to the other subjects at school			
2-Angelina speaks French and Spanish.			
3-American children spend three years in Junior High School.			

Activity Two: In which paragraph is it mentioned that: (02 pts)

- 1- Angelina had good marks at school.
- 2- In the USA, summer holidays are two months.

Activity Three: Find in the text words that have the following definitions: (02 pts)

- a-= a class in school.
- b-= a teaching institution for adults and young people.
- c-= a rest or pause.
- d-= one of four seasons.



B/ Mastery of Language: (07 pts)

Activity One: Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets: (03 pts)

- 1- If she (to work)..... hard, she (to be)..... a good teacher.
- 2- He (to take)..... the exam after he (to study).....his lessons.
- 3- School education (to become)..... more effective if students (to be)..... polite in the class.



Activity Two: Spot the mistakes and write the correct sentences on your answer sheet: (02 pts)

- 1- In algeria, pupils spend four year in middle school.
- 2- Last summer, I go with my parents at Turkey.

Activity Three: Write the following words in the right box according to their consonant sound:

(02pts) nice- college - place - vacation

C=/ s/ (price)	C=/k/ (cut)
1-	1-
2-	2-

Part Two: Written Expression: (06 pts)

Angelina is your American pen pal. Write her a **letter** telling her about: your school, your intentions about the future job, and your holidays.

Follow this outline:

- Thank her for her letter.
- Some information about middle school in Algeria (duration, school subjects, BEM)
- Your intentions about the future job.
- Your holiday plan for next summer.



Level : MS4

..... Middle School.

Duration: 60mn

First name:.....

School year:2017-2018.

Family name

Class: 4MS (.....)

Second-term test n 2

Molly Hornby was a young girl in the 1960s. Read what she says about it.

“I was a young girl in the 1960s. My friends and I used to do a lot of things which shocked our parents. We used to do things our mothers never did. We cut our hair, we wore short skirts and went dancing. We danced to the music of Elvis Presley and the Beatles. We also got the chance to see the Beatles live at a concert once. It was amazing. My father went fishing once a week. He always wished that I would accompany him, but fishing was not my cup of tea. Instead my friends and I went for picnics in the surrounding area quite often. My boyfriend had a car, a 1960 Ford Falcon, so he always picked us up and we often drove to Brighton. We went to the pictures twice a week and I loved to watch films with Marlon Brando and Elizabeth Taylor , especially the ‘Reflections in a Golden Eye’ starring both of them. I still love to watch this film. It’s my favourite. I can remember it all so clearly.”

<http://www.englishexercises.org>

PART ONE (14 points)

A/ Reading Comprehension (7 points)

Activity One (3points) : Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1-The text is about :

a- Molly’s boyfriend.

b- Reminiscences

c- Beatles concert

2-Her father went fishinga week.

a-one time

b-two times

c- three times

3 – The idiom “It’s not my cup of tea” means:

a-Milk is better than tea

b-I hate drinking tea .

c- not one's like or preference

Activity Two (2points): Answer the following questions :

1-Did Molly Hornby use to do things that pleased her parents ?

2- Did she use to go fishing with her father?

Activity three: Lexis (2pts)

a)Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:

Put on= wonderful=

b)Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to:

Rarely≠ satisfied ≠.....

Activity One (2points) : Spot the mistakes and correct them.

Activity Two (3pts) : Turn into negative and interrogative forms.

Negative form (1,5)	Interrogative form (1,5)
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/ə/ (teacher <u>er</u>)	/ɜ:/ (th <u>ir</u> d)	/ɒ/ (h <u>o</u> t)	/ɔ:/ (c <u>o</u> rn)
1-.....	2-.....	3-.....	4-.....

Write a short paragraph in which you tell her about them, using the semi- modal “used to”.

When I was younger,

[illegible]

Good luck