

The First English Exam

Malek Bennabi is a famous Algerian writer, thinker and philosopher. He was born on January 1st 1905 in Constantine into a poor family and a conservative community. He was also called “Seddik”. He had three sisters and no brothers. When he was a child, his family was forced to move to Tebessa since of his father’s job. Bennabi continued his studies in Algiers and Paris until he graduated as an engineer in electricity. After his graduation in 1925, Bennabi tried many jobs in Constantine, Tebessa and elsewhere but he did not stay long at any of them .So, he decided to go back to France. In 1930, he got married with a French girl named Paulette. Later, he moved to Cairo, where he continued his intellectual production until the independence of Algeria. In 1963, he returned to Algeria and was appointed minister of High Education until his resign in 1967. After that, he devoted himself for his intellectual project. He wrote many articles and published more than 25 books in his life. Malek Bennabi died on October 31st, 1973 in his house in Algiers. He is considered one of the most remarkable intellectuals in modern Islamic History . **Adapted from www.arabphilosophers.com**

Part one : (14 pts)

A/ Reading Comprehension: Read the text carefully then do the following activities (7pts)

Activity one: Complete the ID Card (3pts)

ID card	
Full name:	
Country.....	Nationality.....
Date of birth :.....	Place of birth.....
Occupation :.....	
Achievements	
Date of death :.....	Place of death:.....

Activity Two: Answer these questions (2pts)

- a. Was Malek Bennabi a painter ?
- b. Why was he obliged to move to Tebessa?

Activity Three:

- 1- I find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following (1pt)
 - a) kid =
 - b) called =.....
- 2- I find in the text words that are opposites in meaning to the following (1pt)
 - a) Abandoned ≠
 - b) rejected ≠

B/ Mastery of the Language(7pts)

Activity One: Complete the table (2pts)

Adjective	Comparative of superiority	Superlative of superiority
.....	The most expensive
Fat
.....	Better than
.....	Heavier than

Activity Two: Put the verbs between brackets into the correct form (3pts)

- a) The Algerian national anthem (to write) by Moufdi Zakaria.
- b) Assia Djebar (not / to study) Arabic at school.
- c) Kateb Yacine (to publish) Nedjma in 1956 .

Activity Three: Classify the words in the table according to their pronunciation (2pts)

resign Great sky stay

/ei/ play	/ai / eye

Part Two : Situation of Integration (6pts)

Topic: your English friend Eve asked you to tell her about an Algerian outstanding figure and you decided to send her an email in which you talk about the politician Farhat Abbas .Use the following ID card

ID CARD
Name: Farhat Abbas.
Country : Algeria .
Nationality: Algerian .
Occupation: politician, pharmacist .
Date of Birth: August 24, 1899 .
Place of Birth: a village south of Taher, Jijel .
Achievements : BAC /Role in Algerian War ./ Founder of Democratic Union of the Algerian Manifesto / writer of *Le Jeune Algerien * (1931)
Date of Death: December 24, 1985.
Place of Death: Algiers .

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