

Text :

A visit to Oued Souf, a unique destination deep in the Algerian Sahara

After leaving the palm groves of Biskra , we drove to Oued Souf . First , we arrived in El Hamraya region and saw *chott* where the region's groundwater comes to the surface. Then , as we continued our way, we noticed a mud-brick towers. These were *Guemira* Towers which were built to help early travelers navigate the desert . We also went by El Foulia and discovered the gypsum mines, where workers shoveled the chalky rocks to make white powder that was used in constructions . Next, we passed through the city of Guemar, home of the well-known writer Mohamed Taher Tlili . Guemar impressed me with its stylish and beautiful buildings, and I couldn't resist visiting its Zaouia Tedjania with its stunning architecture. After that, we reached El Oued itself, known as the ville à mille coupoles because of the many domes that top its classic buildings. In central El Oued, I also learned about Mohamed Lamine Amoudi, a respected freedomfighter who played a big role in the history of the area. I had the chance to visit the famous Hotel Transatlantique. Finally, we headed towards Ouarmes region, where I was astonished with the vast agricultural areas it had . It was very green and I couldn't believe my eyes . My journey to Oued Souf was really amazing and I am so excited to go back there to discover more sites.

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PART ONE: (14 pts)

A/ Reading Comprehension. (7 points)

Read the text and do the following activities.

Activity One: Choose (a, b, c or d) to complete the following sentences. (3pts)

1. The author travelled to Oued Souf by.....
a-train b-plane c-car d- boat
2. He discovered in El Foulia
a-Palm groves b-Gypsum mines c-A hotel d- A traditional market
3. His trip to Oued souf was
a-disappointing b-boring c-exciting d- amazing

Activity Two: Read the text and answer the following questions.(2pts)

1. Which landmark did the author visit in the city of Guemar ?
2. Was Ourmes the author's final stop ?

Activity Three: Match the words in column A with their synonyms in column B.(2pts)

Words(A)	Synonyms(B)
1- Amazing	a- popular
2- Built	b- wonderful
3- Famous	c- trip
4- Journey	d- constructed

B/ Mastery of Language (7 points)

Activity One: Supply the punctuation and the capital letters where necessary.(2pts)

since they were on a tip to egypt they took a lot of pictures

Activity Two: Complete the following passage using the comparative of superiority form of the adjectives in brackets. (3pts)

Many tourists visit the Sahara because it is (beautiful) they expected. It might be (hot) other regions , but places like El Oued and Ghardaia , with their authentic touristic sites are (good)modern towns.

Activity Three: Circle the silent letters in each word.(2pts)

where / listen / known / comb

Part Two: Situation of Integration (06 pts)

Last summer, you had a nice trip around Algeria , and you wanted to share it with your friends on Facebook. Write a short paragraph in which you describe your itinerary.

Write about :

- The places you went to (where \ when \ how)
- The landmarks you saw and the figures you heard about
- The activities you did
- Use past simple tense
- Use chronology time markers

TRY YOUR BEST