

English Exam N° 1

Timgad The Ancient Roman City

Timgad is an archaeological Roman city located in the province of Batna in the Aurès region. It was called TAMOUGADI. It was founded by the emperor Trajan in 100 AD as military defense center. It is characterized by its various facilities " temples, thermal baths, forum and theater". It was built in a form of a chess board covering an area of 90 hectares.



In view of its excellent state of conservation and its architecture, Timgad is the typical example of the ancient Roman city which still retains its initial design in the world. It was registered by the UNESCO as a World Heritage site in 1982.

Adapted from different web sites

Part One: A) Reading Comprehension. (7pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

Activity one: *Answer the following questions:* (2pts)

1. What was Timgad called?
2. Does it still retain its initial design?

Activity two: *Fill in the following fact file:* (3 pts)

Landmark: Timgad

Type of landmark:

Location:

Date of construction:

Form: **Area:**

Date of its listening by UNESCO:

Lexis: *Match the word in column A with its synonym in column B:* (2pts)

| A | B |
|-----------|-------------|
| founded | superb |
| situated | located |
| excellent | established |
| various | different |

B) Mastery of language (7pts)

Activity one: Reorder the words to get a coherent sentence: (2 pts)

/ The Pyramids / the Seven / are one of / of the world / Wonders /.

Activity two: Rewrite the following sentences using the passive voice: (3 pts)

1- The Emperor “Ming Tao Lee” built the Great Wall of China.

The Great Wall of China

2- The Pyramids fascinate the visitors.

The visitors

Activity three: Write the following words in the right box according to the pronunciation of their (2 pts)

final “ed”: founded – characterized – established – studied

| /t/ | /d/ | /Id/ |
|-----|----------|------|
| 1. | 1. 2. | 1. |

Written Expression (6pts)

Algeria is full of outstanding landmarks and historic sites that reflect Algeria’s rich history, and its fascinating nature and culture. **Beni Hammad Fort** is one of them.

Write a short descriptive paragraph about this special site using the notes below:

Landmark: Beni Hammad Fort

Type of landmark: a fortified palatine city

Location: the northeast of M`Sila

Date of construction: in 1007 by Hammad ibn Buluggin

Characteristics:

- * the first capital of the Hammadi dynasty
- * an authentic picture of a reinforced Muslim city
- * includes a 7km long line of walls, four residential complexes, and the largest old mosque

Date of its listing by UNESCO: 1980



Good Luck