



May:2024	Level: 2ASL	Duration : 2h
<u>THIRD TERM ENGLISH EXAM</u>		

Read the text carefully then do the following activities

A/Comprehension (7pts)

More than 1450 people have been killed by Wednesday's quake that struck at 7:44 p.m. in northern Algeria while more than 7000 have been injured. Hundreds- perhaps thousands of people- may still be trapped under collapsed buildings. The hardest- hit cities were the capital, Algiers, and the towns of Rouiba and Boumerdes both of which lie east of Algiers.

During this massive earthquake , which is the strongest to have hit the North African country in 23 years, most Algerians were in their homes. People in Algiers and in all the towns and villages in the earthquake zone felt the quake in waves ,with vibrations that lasted 40 to 50 seconds , getting stronger, weaker, then stronger again . Everyone was panicking.

The Algerian Red Crescent Society responded with help, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said **it** would send a team to help evaluate the damage and the needs of the population. Doctors treated the injured in the streets because hospitals did not have enough beds to accommodate all of the patients. Hospitals officials asked for blood donations, doctors and paramedics.

Assistance has come from Britain , France , Japan, Spain ,Italy and Switzerland . Algeria's foreign minister said ,“ **They** have sent search and rescue teams , in some cases including sniffer dogs.”

Adapted from internet

1)The text is : a) a web article b) a newspaper article c) a magazine article (0,5pt)

2) Say if the following statements are true or false: (1,5pts)

- a- 7000 people have been injured in the earthquake.
- b- This earthquake is the strongest to have struck the North of Africa in 23 years.
- c- Many African countries helped Algeria in this disaster.

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

- a- How did the towns and villages in the earthquake zone feel the quake?
- b- What would the International Federation of the Red Crescent do?
- c- What did hospital officials need after the earthquake?

4) What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text? (1pt)

- a) it (3§)
- b- they (4§).....

5) Give a title to the text..... (1pt)

Text Exploration (8pts)

1) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following : (1pt)

- a- hit = (1§).....
- b- wounded = (1§).....

2) **Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following: (1pt)**

a- weakest ≠(2§) b- received ≠ (4§).....

3) **Complete the following table : (1,5pts)**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To destroy
.....	advice	
.....	contributive

4) **Rewrite sentence “b” so that it means the same as sentence ”a” : (2pts)**

1- a) “ The earthquake killed many people in a short time, “ said a reporter.

b) A reporter said that.....

2- a) “ Please , stay calm during an earthquake ,” advised an expert.

b) An expert advised the population.....

5) **Underline the silent letters (1,5pts)**

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6-**Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word from the following list** (nuclear , seismic ,Earthquakes, humans) (1pt)

In its most general sense , the word earthquake is used to describe anyevent- whether natural or caused- by that generates seismic waves are caused mostly by rupture of geological faults ,but also by other events such as volcanic activity landslides, mine blasts ,andtests.

Written expression (5pts) Choose only one topic

Topic one :Using the following notes, write a paragraph on the 1980 earthquake of **El Asnam**

-October 10th, 1980.

- Seven on Richter scale.

- Buildings and houses collapsed.

- Solidarity among Algerians.

- Foreign aid.

-Government program to reconstruct towns and villages.

Topic two: Write a piece of advice about the precautions that people should take before, during and after an earthquake

Answers

Reading Comprehension (8pts)

1) The text is a web article

2) Say if the statements are true or false

False / True / False

3) Answer the questions

- People in the earthquake zone felt the quake in waves, with vibrations that lasted 40 to 50 seconds, getting stronger, weaker, then stronger again.
- It would send a team to help evaluate the damage and the needs of the population.
- They need blood donation , doctors and paramedics.

4) The referring words

It : the international federation of Red cross and Red crescent societies

They : countries that helped Algeria. (France Britain JAPAN SPAIN)

5) The title : Earthquake

Text Exploration (7pts)

1) Synonyms

Hit = struck wounded = injured

2) Opposites

Weakest ≠ strongest received ≠ sent

3) Complete the following table :

Verb	Noun	Adjective
To destroy	destruction	destructive
To advise	advice	advisable
To contribute	contribution	contributive

4) Rewrite sentence "b" so that it means the same as sentence "a" :

- " The earthquake killed many people in a short time, " said a reporter.
 - A reporter said that the earthquake had killed many people in a short time.
- " Please , stay calm during an earthquake , " advised an expert.
 - An expert advised the population to stay calm during an earthquake.

5) Underline the silent letters

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-6-Fill in the gaps

Seismic humans earthquakes nuclear

Written expression (5pts)