

A country of virgin sites

Algeria is often claimed to be the crossroads of three worlds Mediterranean, Arab and African. It is also known as the “Balcony of the Mediterranean”. The interior of the country presents plenty of opportunities for sport and leisure activities.

It is a country with geographical contrasts, with great differences, from the green valleys in between steep mountains in the north to some of the most extensive sand dune regions of all Sahara in the south.

According to the latest report distributed by several environmental organizations, such the World Organization for the Protection of the Environment and World Wide Fund for Nature, Algeria is among the best 10 countries in the world in terms of natural beauty and diversity.

Algeria has 174 zones of tourist expansion spread all over the country and which are concerned by the tourism investment. A great number of travelers to Algeria come here mainly for the desert and its amazing oases as well as the mountains of Hoggar and Tassili N'Ajjer. During summer, the coast of Algeria attracts regional tourists who come to enjoy its several nice beach resorts. **Adapted from : <http://www.algerianembassy.co.in/news/beautyofalgeria/>**

Read the text and do the following activities :

Part One: (14 pts.)

A/ Reading Comprehension : (7 pts.)

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

- 1- Algeria is often claimed to be the crossroads of worlds :
a) 3 b) 13 c) 30 d) 33
- 2- The Algerian Sahara is situated in :
a) the east b) the south c) the north d) the west
- 3- The majority of foreign visitors come to :
a) Algiers b) Oran c) the beaches d) the Sahara

Activity Two : Answer the following questions : (2 pts.)

- 1- Is Algeria poor in terms of natural beauty?
- 2- How many zones of of tourist expansion does Algeria have?

Activity Three : Lexis : (2 pts)

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

- 1- chances =
- 2- associations =

b/ Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following : (1 pt)

- 1- exterior ≠
- 2- similarities ≠

B/ Mastery of Language: (7 pts.)

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

if you visit constantine you will be fascinated by its suspended bridges

Activity Two: Turn the following sentences into the negative: (3 pts.)

- 1- Next autumn, I will go on a cruise ship around the Mediterranean.
- 2- Algeria has lots of charming places to offer to visitors.
- 3- We are going to climb the Aures mountains.

Activity Three: Circle the silent letters in the following words: (2 pts.)

known – which – autumn – climb.

Part Two: (6 pts.)

Situation of Integration:

Your English friend is impressed by the beauty of your country and wants to visit it next summer.

Send her / him an e-mail in which you welcome her / him and tell him about the plan of a trip around Algeria. Talk about:

- ✓ The trip itinerary.
- ✓ The places and monuments you will visit.
- ✓ The cultural and traditional diversity

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