

## THE FIRST TEST OF ENGLISH

**Al-Aqsa Mosque** is one of the most prominent and major mosques in the world. It is located in the Old City of El Quds, Palestine. It covers an area of 144000 m and includes the Dome of the Rock « Qobat Sakhra » and several other landmarks numbering up to 200.

**The Dome of the Rock « Qobat Sakhra »** is the oldest Islamic architectural landmark that has kept its original form. It was built by the Caliph Abd el-Malik ibn Marwan in 685 and opened in 771. It was designed by Raja al-Kindi and Yazid ibn Salam. It is an Octagonal building topped by a circular dome which is 35m high and has a diametre of 20 m. It is made of copper and covered with gold.

The mosque has been repeatedly attacked by the Israeli occupier, most notably the arson attack on August 21st ,1969 when most of the southern part of the mosque was burnt. However, despite its restoration after several years, it is still under Israeli attack to this day.



### Part one A/ Reading Comprehension

*Read the text then do the following activities*

**Activity one : Complete the following table (2pts)**

Name	Date of construction	Date of opening	Designers	Height	Materials
Dome of the Rock « Qobat Sakhra »	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....	..... .....

**Activity two : Answer the following questions (3pts)**

- 1- Is Al- Aqsa Mosque important for Muslims ?  
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- 2- Where is Al-Aqsa Mosque located ?  
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- 3- Who built the Dome of the Rock « Qubat Sakhra » ?  
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**Activity three : Match each word with its appropriate synonym (2pts)**

Word	Synonym
1-important	a- wellknown
2-opening	b-constructed
3-built	c-inauguration
4-famous	d-major

**Mastery of language**

**Activity one : Compare and join each pair of sentences using the adjectives in brackets (3pts)**

a-Martyrs' Memorial is 92m tall. The Great Mosque of Algiers is 265m tall. (tall)

b-About 3800 people pray in Ketchaoua Mosque in Ramadhan. About 120 000people pray in the Geat Mosque of Algiers in Ramadhan. (crowded)

c-The Great Mosque of Algiers is famous. The Martyrs' Memorial is famous too. (famous)

**Activity two : Write sentence « b » so it means the same as sentence « a » (2pts)**

a- The French occupier killed about 4000 people inside Ketchaoua Mosque.

b- About 4000 people.....

a-They built this mosque , 5 years ago.

b-This mosque.....


**Activity three : Classify these words in the table below (2pts)**

Sight-made-high-great

/ai/ (nine)	/ei/ (take)
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**Part two : Situation of Integration (6pts)**

Your Palestinian e-pal is eager to know about the Great Mosque of Algiers which is the third largest mosque in the world .Write a paragraph about it using the information in the table below.

<p><b>Name</b> : The Great Mosque of Algiers <b>Location</b> : Algiers, Algeria <b>Date of construction</b> : 16/04/2012 <b>Date of inauguration</b> : 28/10/2020 <b>Disigner</b> : Jurgen Engel (German architect) <b>Area</b> : 400 000m <b>Height</b> : 265 m <b>Materials</b> : iron/bricks/marble</p>	
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