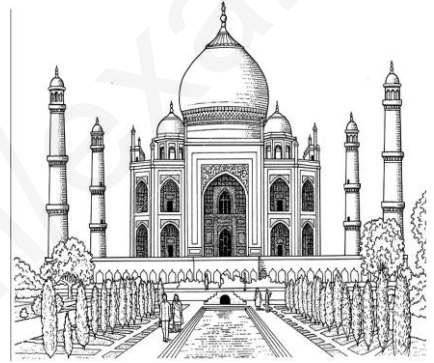


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Unfortunately, she died when giving birth to her fourteenth child in 1630. In 1631, Shah Jahan ordered Ustad Ahmad Lahaur to build a sort of temple for her wife in Agra, India that called the "Taj Mahal". It built by more than 20,000 workers and over 1,000 elephants were used to help with the transport of the heavy material during the construction. It took them 22 years to complete the project. Taj Mahal is decorated with jewels, gold and silver. Passages from the Quran are depicted on many walls. The Taj Mahal had four minarets (40 m tall) an huge dome (35m height). It is made of white marble, the colour changes with the time of the day and whether or not there's moon at night.



Taj Mahal became a symbol of endless love and it is an outstanding example of Islamic art and architecture. Some people think it is the most beautiful building on earth. In 1983, the United Nations declared it as a World Heritage Site. The mausoleum attracts more than 8 million visitors every year.

Adapted from: several websites

PART ONE (14 pts)

A/- Reading Comprehension

(07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

Activity One: (03 pts). Complete Taj Mahal Fact File:

Taj Mahal: FACT FILE

- Location (town and country)
- Height? (minarets and dome)
- When did its construction begin?
- When was its construction completed?
- When was it listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site?

Activity Two: (02 pts). Choose the right answer "a, b, c, d":

- 1- The prince met his wife in
a) palace b) beach c) forest d) market
- 2- She was very woman .
a) calm b) lazy c) helpful d) market
- 3- thousand people worked on the monument.
a) 15 b) 20 c) 25 d) 30
- 4- The monument is made of
a) marble b) mud c) stone d) steal

Activity Three: (02 pts). Match each word with its opposite.

Words	Opposites
1- pretty	a- western
2- eastern	b- ugly
3- hardworking	c- small
4- huge	d- lazy

B- Mastery of Language

(07 pts)

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the Taj Mahal is an beautiful monument that is found in agra, India?

Activity Two: (03 pts). I compare using "as ... as" or "not as ... as".

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- 3- The Eiffel Tower is (old) Taj Mahal.

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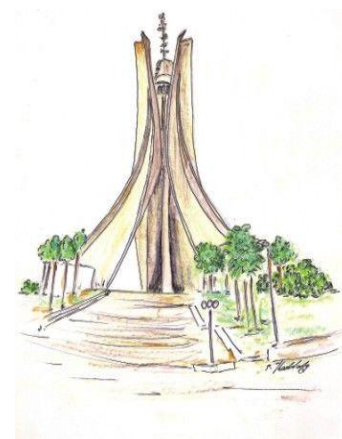
PART TWO: Written Expression

(06 pts)

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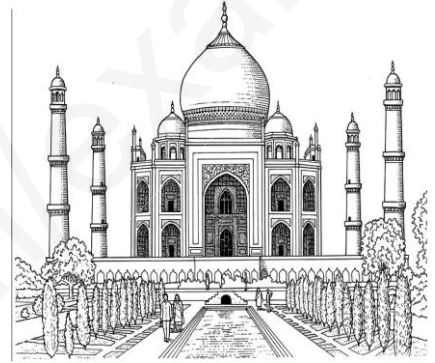
- Monument: Maqam Eshahid "**Martyrs' Memorial**"
- Location: Algiers, Algeria
- Designer/ Architect: The Algerian painter "**Bachir Yellès**"/ The Polish sculptor "**Marian Konieczny**"
- Date of construction: 1982 on the 20th anniversary of Algeria's independence.
- Height: 92 meter



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- When did its construction begin? **1631**
- When was its construction completed? **1653**
- When was it listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site? **1983**

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New Message

To | Cc Bcc

Subject

Hi Peter,

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Maqam Eshahid is located in Algiers the capital of Algeria. It was designed by the Algerian painter "Bachir Yellès" and The Polish sculptor "Marian Konieczny". It was opened in 1982 on the 20th anniversary of Algeria's independence. This monument reaches a height of 92 metres.

This is a brief information about it if you want I will give you more information in my next email.

keep in touch.

Your friend.