

Second Term English First Test

The Input:

I was born on 5 January 1932 in Setif , a town in Eastern Algeria. With Sheikh Ibn Badis and other Algerian Scholars, my father , Bashir Ibrahim, founded the association of the Muslim Ulemas a year before my birth. One day (it was probably in 1948), my father came home with an Italian typewriter, which may seem today as something very usual. What was unusual at the time is the fact that you could type in Arabic! It was probably the first Arabic typewriter to be introduced in Algeria. This machine changed me into my father's secretary and confidant in the years 1948-1952. Thanks to it, I spent the happiest moments in my life with my father. He dictated to me the letters he would send to friends across the world: Latin America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

adapted from: "Memoirs of an Algerian" by Ahmed Taleb-Ibrahimi

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Part one (14 pts)

A) READING COMPREHENSION (07 pts)

Activity one (3 pts): match the following dates with their corresponding events in the input:

- a. 1931
- b. 1932
- c. 1948

Activity two (02 pts): write "true" or "false" or "not mentioned":

1. Bashir Ibrahim is Ahmed Taleb-Ibrahimi's son.
2. The author typed in Arabic and Italian.
3. The author typed articles on the typewriter.
4. Bashir Ibrahim is in the same age with Ibn Badis.

Activity three (02 pts): find in the input:

•Lexis:

-Maybe=.....

-Ulemas=.....

-death=.....

-the last=.....

B) MASTERY OF LANGUAGE (07 pts)

Activity one (02 pts):

a/spot and correct the mistakes:

1. Has you ever went to France.
2. We've been friends for 2013.

b/provide capitalization and punctuation:

- mohammed dib is an algerian novelist poet and playwright.

Activity two (03 pts): write the past participle of those verbs:

- Amal and I have (be) friends for 10 years. We have (share) many good and bad experiences.

- Amal has always (help) me in difficult times. She is a true friend.

Activity three (02 pts): classify those words in the following table:

Exiled-worked-studied-moved-named-died

/t/	/d/	/id/
-	-	-
-	-	-

Part two (06 pts): Written Expression

You certainly remember a very happy event in you childhood. You want to share it with your classmates.

Narrate the event and describe your feelings and emotions before posting your text on your Facebook page.

Good luck ♥