

The text:

The Lover of El-Oued Souf

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Isabelle loved El-Oued Souf and called it “The City of Thousand Domes”. She came to it twice, in 1899 and in 1900. She made many friends among them “Slimane Henny”, an officer in the spahis from El-Oued Souf, and married him. During her presence in Souf, she made contact with the Qadiriya Order. The French authorities transferred her husband to Batna, but Isabelle stayed in Souf two months. Later, she joined her husband in Batna. In May 1901, the French ordered her to leave North Africa without explanation, so she returned to France and continued to write several projects including her novel “*Trimardeur*”. In 1902, she returned to Algeria and increased her own efforts as a writer, and several of her short stories were printed in the local press. She wrote many books such as “*Dans L'ombre Chaude de L'Islam*”, “*Au Pays des Sables*”, “*Pages d'Islam*”. (§ 2)

On October 20th 1904, Isabelle went with her husband Henny to Aïn Séfra and rented a mud house. The following day, a flash flood struck the area and Isabelle died on October 21st 1904. (§ 3)

Adapted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

A) Reading Comprehension (07 pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

Activity One (03 pts): I fill in the following ID Card.

ID CARD

- ❖ Full Name: ❖ Date of Birth:
 ❖ Place of Birth: ❖ Nationality:
 ❖ Place of Death: ❖ Date of Death:

Activity Two (02 pts): I answer the following questions.

- Did Isabelle love El-Oued Souf?
- What do the underlined words in the text refer to?
her (§ 1) = it (§ 2) =

Activity Three (02 pts): I read text and match each word (1, 2, 3, and 4) with its corresponding synonyms/ equivalent (=) (a, b, c, or d).

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|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. author | 2. educated | 3. twice | 4. many |
| a. several | b. two times | c. studied | d. writer |

(1- / 2- / 3- / 4-)

B) Mastery of Language (07 pts)

Activity One (02 pts): Spot the mistakes and write the corrected sentences on your answer sheet.

isabelle Eberhardt takes this photo on 1900?

Task Two (03 pts): I change the following sentences to passive ones:

1. Isabelle Eberhardt wrote, "*Au Pays des Sables*" in 1895.
2. Isabelle Eberhardt loved El-Oued Souf.

Task Three (02 pts): I classify the following words according to their sounds:

by – May – David – died

/ei/ day	/ai/ my

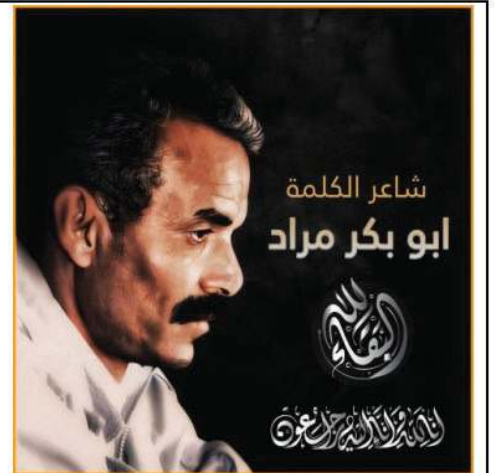
PART TWO (06 pts): Written Expression

You have received an email from an American friend of yours; he/ she asked you to write him a reply in which you describe one of the outstanding figures in your hometown, country or in the world. You have chosen "**Aboubaker Marad**". Write him/ her your reply.

This "**ID Card**" may help you:

ID CARD

- ❖ **Name:** Aboubaker Marad
- ❖ **Date of Birth:** August 3rd 1953
- ❖ **Place of Birth:** Redeyef, Gafsa, Tunisia
(Origin from El-Oued Souf)
- ❖ **Date of Death:** Wednesday, October 25th 2023
- ❖ **Place of Death:** El-Oued Souf, Algeria
- ❖ **Nationality:** Algerian
- ❖ **Occupation:** a teacher, a poet and a translator
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Activity Two (02 pts): I answer the following questions.

1. Did Isabelle love El-Oued Souf? 1) **Yes, Isabelle (she) did.**

2. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

her (§ 1) = **...Isabelle Eberhardt...**

it (§ 2) = **...El-Oued Souf...**

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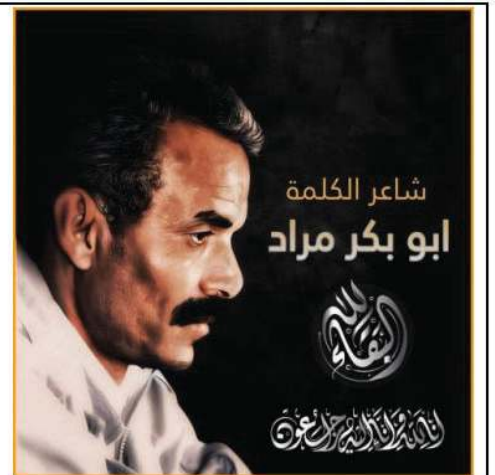
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