

Ibn Khaldun: The Father of Sociology

Abderahmane Ibn Khaldun was a brilliant North African scholar and historian, born in Tunis in 1332. He is widely considered one of the greatest thinkers in history. He spent much of his life traveling across North Africa and Al-Andalus, where he worked as a teacher and a politician.

Ibn Khaldun is most famous for his book, the Muqaddimah. In this masterpiece, he introduced new ideas about how societies grow and change. Because of his scientific approach to history, he is often called "The Father of Sociology." He believed that education and hard work were the keys to a strong civilization.

After a long life of writing and traveling, Ibn Khaldun died in Cairo, Egypt, in 1406. His legacy continues to inspire students and scientists all over the world today.

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Read the text carefully and do the following activities. Part One:
(14 pts)

A/ Reading Comprehension: (07 pts)

Activity One: Fill in the "Biographical Fact File" with information from the text: (03 pts.)

Full name	Date & Place of birth	Famous work	Nickname	Date & Place of death

Activity Two: Answer the following questions: (02 pts.)

- Did Ibn Khaldun stay in one country all his life?
- Why is he called the "Father of Sociology"?

Activity Three: Lexis: (02 pts.)

a) Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to:

- well-known =
- global =

b) Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to:

- weak =\=
- started =\=

B/ Mastery of Language: (07pts)

Activity One: Supply the punctuation and capital letters where necessary. (02 pts)

in 1377 ibn khaldun wrote the muqaddimah in algeria

Activity Two: Rewrite the following sentences as suggested. (03 pts.)

1. Ibn Khaldun wrote the Muqaddimah. **(Passive Voice)**

The Muqaddimah

2. Ibn Khaldun was (intelligent) than many scholars of his time. **(Comparative)**

3. He is the (famous) historian in the Arab world. **(Superlative)**

Activity Three: Classify the following words according to the pronunciation of their final "-ed". (02 pts.)

considered – introduced – created – died

/t/	/d/	/id/

Part Two: Situation of Integration (06 pts.)

Your school magazine is organizing a competition for the best biography of an Algerian icon. Write a short article (8-10 lines) about Moufdi Zakaria using the following information:

Name: Moufdi Zakaria.

Role: The Poet of the Algerian Revolution.

Birth: 1908 in Ghardaia (Beni Isguen).

Education: Tunis (Zitouna University).

Achievements: Wrote "Kassaman" (National Anthem) in Serkadji prison.

Death: 1977 in Tunisia.

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العلامة		الإجابة النموذجية (عناصر الإجابة)
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Part One (14 pts)		
A/ Reading Comprehension (07 pts)		
03 pts	0.5 pt x 6	Activity One: Biographical Fact File (03 pts) - Full Name: Abderahmane Ibn Khaldun - Date & Place of birth: Tunis in 1332 - Famous work: The Muqaddimah - Nickname: The Father of Sociology - Date & Place of death: Cairo, Egypt, in 1406
02 pts	01 pt x 2	Activity Two: Answer the questions (02 pts) 1. No, he didn't. (He traveled across North Africa and Al-Andalus). 2. Because of his scientific approach to history.
02 pts	0.5 pt x 4	Activity Three: Lexis (02 pts) a) Synonyms: 1. well-known = famous / 2. global = all over the world (world) b) Opposites: 1. weak ≠ strong / 2. started ≠ died (finished/ended)
B/ Mastery of Language (07 pts)		
02 pts	0.25 pt x 8	Activity One: Punctuation and Capital letters (02 pts) In 1377, Ibn Khaldun wrote the Muqaddimah in Algeria .
03 pts	01 pt x 3	Activity Two: Grammar (03 pts) 1. The Muqaddimah was written by Ibn Khaldun. (Passive Voice) 2. ... more intelligent ... (Comparative) 3. ... the most famous ... (Superlative)
02 pts	0.5 pt x 4	Activity Three: Pronunciation of final "-ed" (02 pts)

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Part Two: Situation of Integration (06 pts)		
06 pts	02 02 02	Topic: Biography of Moufdi Zakaria المعايير المعتمدة في التقييم: • الملائمة (Relevance): كتابة مقال عن مفدي زكريا، احترام عدد الأسطر، توظيف المعلومات المعطاة. • الانسجام (Coherence): ترتيب الأفكار، استعمال الروابط، وجود مقدمة وعرض وخاتمة. • سلامة اللغة (Linguistic resource): خلو المقال من الأخطاء النحوية والإملائية واستعمال مفردات مناسبة.