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PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

Biskra Eldjadida Middle School	*Date : Wednesday, December 7th, 2016*
Class: 2MS.....	*Full name :……..*
English Exam of the First Term	

The text:

Moufdi Zakaria (born, Zekri Cheikh) was a famous Algerian poet and writer. He was born on 12 June 1908 in the M'zab region of Algeria. He was given the nickname of *Moufdi* by a school friend.

His higher education was in Tunis where he met a number of poets including Aboul-Qacem Echebbi. His first poetry was published in a Tunisian newspaper in 1925.

In 1956, he was imprisoned in Serkadji prison where he wrote a poem called Qassaman or The Pledge. This poem became the Algerian national anthem.

Zakaria died in 1977 in Tunisia but his body was buried in Algeria.

Adapted from : Wikipedia.



Part one : Reading Comprehension

1/ Read the text then complete this table. 3 pts

Full name	Date and place of birth	Nationality	Occupation	Achievements	Date and place of death

2/ Read the text again then answer these questions. 2pts

a- Was Moufdi Zakaria Tunisian ?

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b- When was his first poetry published ?

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3/ Match the words on the left with their antonyms on the right. 2pts

Was born	**last**
Famous	**died**
First	**freed**
Imprisoned	**unkown**

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2 / Mastery of the Language

1 / Rewrite the sentences using the possessive case (’s) and possessive pronouns as in the example. (2pts) . Example: David has a car = It’s David ’s car = It’s his.

a- Nawal has a PC. = it’s ……..... = It’s ……

b- The pupils have books. = They are …… = They’re ……

2/ Write the questions for these answers using ‘wh question words’. (3pts)

a-…….. ? I live in Biskra.

b-…….. ? It’s an octopus’s mouth.

c-……..? Nadia is 12 years old.

3/ Classify these words according to their final ‘es’ pronunciation. (2pts)

Flowers- watches- poets- writers

/s/	/z/	/iz/
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Part Two : Situation of Integration

Using the following notes, write the short biography of the famous Algerian singer Warda Al-jazairia.

Birth name : Warda Fatouki.

Date and place of birth : July 22 , 1939 in Puteaux , France.

Father : Algerian. Mother : Lebanese.

Famous for : singing Algerian patriotic songs like ‘biladi ouhibouki’ for the great Algerian poet Moufdi Zakaria.

Date and place of death :May 17 , 2012 in Cairo, Egypt but she was buried in Algiers' El Alia cemetery, which is reserved for national heroes.



You can start like this :

Warda Al-jazairia was a famous Algerian singer. Her birth name was ……She was born on……..……

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Algerian Iliad by Moufdi Zakaria "شغلنا الورى و ملأنا الدنى بشعر نرتله كالصلاة تسابيحه من حنايا الجزائر "

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