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Mohamed Zioui Middle School **Sunday 23 October 2022**

Level: 4th year **Time: 1 hour** **Teacher: Mr. Bouzidi**

First Test

Text:

Vincent Willem van Gogh is a well-known Dutch painter. During his lifetime, he remained poor and unknown. He was born on 30th March, 1853, to upper middle class parents. He spent his early life working for a firm of art dealers before travelling to The Hague, London, and Paris.

He was deeply religious and aspired to be a pastor like his father. He became a teacher in England, and then he worked as a missionary in a mining region in Belgium, where he drew people from the local community. In 1885, he painted his first major work, "The Potato Eaters." In March 1886, he moved to Paris and discovered the French Impressionists Later, he moved to the south of France and was influenced by the region's strong sunlight His paintings grew brighter in colour, and he developed the unique and highly recognizable style that became fully realized during his stay in Arles in 1888.

He suffered from a serious mental disease, and on 9th May, 1889, he asked to be admitted to the asylum at Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a hospital for the mentally ill. On 27th July, 1890, he shot himself in a lonely field and died two days later, on 29th July, 1890.

Adapted from: myenglishpages.com

Part one:

1/ Reading comprehension: (7 pts)

Activity one: (3 pts)

Complete the following table:

Date	Event
30 March 1853	
1885	
29 July 1890	

Activity two: (2 pts)

Answer the following questions:

1- Was Van Gogh a rich man?
2- Where did he develop his style?

Activity three: (2 pts)

Find in the text words that are opposites in meaning to the following:

famous ≠ …… after ≠ ……

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2/ Mastery of language: (7 pts)

Activity one: (2 pts)

Supply the punctuation and capital letters where necessary:

Nasreddine Dinet was a french painter he spent most of his life in boussaada.

Activity two: (3 pts)

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice:

1- Nasreddine Dinet painted "The Quarrel" in 1904.
2- Moufdi Zakaria wrote the Algerian Anthem in Serkadji prison.
3- Many people enjoy the works of Aicha Haddad.

Activity three: (2 pts)

Pick out from the text words which have the following sounds:

/ ei / (play)	/ ai / (my)
1. ……	1. ……..
2. ……	2. ……..

Part two: Situation of Integration: (6 pts)

In Algeria, there are many famous painters who made great works and won many prizes. Their paintings depict the Algerian lifestyle. One of them is Aicha Haddad.

Write a short article about her using the following information:

Name: Aicha Haddad

Date and place of birth: 1937 – Bordj Bou Arreridj.

Important life events: - To join the Algerian Revolution in 1954.

- To be captured and sent to prison for 4 years (1958)

Study: Society of Fine Arts – Algiers.

Famous works: Sahara Memory (1990)

Date and place of death: 24 February 2005 – Algiers.

"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm is terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore."

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