



Dear Robert,

Sorry for not writing more often than I do. I am in Constantine, in Northeastern Algeria, at the moment. It's a splendid city, but I'm having a few little problems with the meal times. I'm sure I'll get used to them soon. (§1)

At home I usually have a small breakfast at 7.30, then a sandwich for lunch at about one o'clock. That's Ok for these two meal times. It's about the same over here. I always have

dinner at about 7 p.m. in London. But dinner time is different here. People in Constantine usually have dinner at about 9 in summer. In London, I am often in bed by eleven, but over here the streets are full every night until a long time after midnight. Summer is the ideal season for weddings. So a lot of people go to bed at two or three o'clock in the morning. But everybody is up for work at seven or eight o'clock in the morning. (§2)

Tomorrow morning, my friend and I are going to visit Massinissa's Mausoleum. In the afternoon, we are going to spend some time near the Hanging Bridge, one of the most fantastic tourist sights in town. In the evening, we're taking a taxi to Skikda, some 80 kilometres from Constantine. We're staying there for a week. There are a lot of places to visit in this old Phoenician city. (§3)

Algeria is really attractive. I have made up my mind. I will visit it every year. By the way, why don't you come to spend the rest of your holidays over here? (§4)

With my best wishes,

James

PART ONE: Reading comprehension and mastery of the language. 14pts.

A- Reading comprehension. 7pts.

a) Read the text then fill in the table below. 3pts.

| City | Breakfast time | Lunch time | Dinner time |
|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| London | | | |
| Constantine | | | |

b) Read the text again and say whether these statements are true or false. Correct the false one. 2pts.

- 1- Meal times are the same in London and Constantine. -----
- 2- James is having a very bad time in Algeria. -----
- 3- James and his friend are visiting The Casbah of Constantine tomorrow. -----
- 4- James suggests to Robert to join him in Algeria. -----

c) Lexis: 2pts. Find in the text words that have these definitions.

- 1- Very beautiful = -----
- 2- Marriage ceremonies = -----
- 3- Tourist attractions = -----
- 4 -Vacation = -----

B- Mastery of the language. 7pts.

a) **Pick out from the text: 2pts**

- 1-A future action in §1.
- 2-An action that James does regularly in London in §2.
- 3-An action planned for tomorrow in §3.
- 4-A resolution to do something in the future in §4.

b) **Rewrite the following sentences in the negative.**

- 1- James and his friend are going to visit the Bardo Museum tomorrow.
- 2- They always travel by train.
- 3- James will visit Tunisia next year.

c) **Pronunciation: 2pts**

Circle the silent letter in each of the following words.

1- Know - 2- often - 3- could 4-walk

PART TWO: Situation of integration. (Written expression). 6pts.

Imagine you are a tourist guide. Prepare a short talk to inform a group of English-speaking tourists about a planned tour to the South of Algeria.

Use the information below:

Start journey/Boussaada/ Monday
Boussaada means/ city of happiness in Arabic
Stay/ The Caid Hotel/ night/ spend next day there/ visit the Dinet museum

Leave Boussaada/for Lghouaat/ Wednesday.
Set camp in an oasis/ participate in a Twiza for date picking.
Climb up dunes/ do sand skiing.

Quit Laghouat/ for Ghardaia/Friday.
Ghardaia / to be capital/ Mzab region.
It/ to be/ meeting point of the nomads from different regions.
Take part/ camel riding contest/ visit souks for carpets/ buy souvenirs.

Return to Algiers/ Monday.

Start like this:

Ladies and gentlemen , we 're going to tour the South of Algeria for a week.-----

