

Level: 3rd year middle school

Timing: 1 hour and half

Name:

Class: 3rd year M.S

Third term English test n°2

The Taj Mahal is one of the best and most famous mausoleum in the world. It is located on the banks of River Yamuna at Agra, India. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. He took more than seventeen years to complete this splendid edifice in memory of his beloved queen.

The name "Taj Mahal" means "crown of palace. It is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It is made of white marble and surrounded by beautiful gardens and fountains.

The full height of Taj Mahal is 171 metres and the main attractive feature is the central dome. It has a height of 73 metres, surrounded by four smaller domes and four minarets at each corner. The Taj Mahal is considered as one of the seven wonders of the world. Many tourists come to see this beautiful structure from different parts of the world.

Source: Internet



Part I: A) Reading comprehension: Read the text and do the following activities: (7 Pts)

Activity 1: Answer by "true" or "false" or "not mentioned": (3 Pts)

- 1) There are beautiful gardens and fountains round Taj Mahal.
- 2) Taj Mahal is considered as the one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world.
- 3) Mumtaz Mahal died very young.

Activity 2: Answer the following questions: (2 Pts)

- 1) Who built Taj Mahal?
- 2) What does the word Taj Mahal mean?

Activity 3: A) Find words closest in meaning to the following : (1 Pt)

- 1) erected =
- 2) situated =

B) Find words opposite in meaning to the following : (1 Pt)

- 1) same \neq
- 2) the worst \neq

B) Mastery of language: (7 Pts)

Activity 1: Spot the mistakes and write a correct sentence: (2 Pts)

Last holidays, my sister go to paris and spend a amusing time there.

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Activity 2: Complete the following table: (1.5 Pts)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
hot	hotter than
.....	easier than	the easiest
good	the best

Activity 3: Fill in the gaps with “since” or “for”: (1.5 Pts)

- 1) I've lived in New York 2000.
- 2) We've been visiting London hours.
- 3) My sister has practised swimming she was young.

Activity 4: Mark the intonation with an arrow: (2 Pt)

- 1) Where will you go next summer holidays?
- 2) Will you stay in Algiers?
- 3) Do you prefer **the beach** or **the swimming pool**?

Part II: Written Expression: (6 Pts)

You went to Turkey last holidays and you visited the Blue Mosque. You were really fascinated about it. Write a letter to a friend of yours and tell him / her about this wonderful edifice.

- Building: The Blue Mosque
- Location: Istanbul, Turkey
- Architect: Sedefkâr Mehmet Ağathe
- Length: 73 m
- Width: 65 m
- Erection: 1609 - 1616
- Reason of the name : blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior

