Labtar Maazouz Middle School Monday, October 28th, 2019

Form: 4 M.S **First Term English Test**

**Text**:

Assia Djebar is the pen-name of Fatima Zohra Imalayen. She is an Algerian novelist, poet, playwright, translator and film maker. She was born on August 4th, 1936 in Cherchel, a small coastal town near Algiers.

Assia attended the primary school where her father taught French. In 1995, she was the first Algerian woman to be accepted at the "École Normale Supérieure' an elite college in Paris where she studied History. Two years later, she published her first novel, 'La soif'. In 1962, she published 'Les enfants du nouveau monde' and in 1967, 'Les alouettes naïves'. She also wrote and directed her own films. She won the Biennale prize at the 1979 Venice Film Festival with her very first attempt, "La Nouba des Femmes du Mont Chenoua".
Assia won the prestigious 'Neustadt" prize for contribution to world literature in 1996, and the next year, the 'Yourcenar' prize.

Djebar is considered one of North Africa's most famous and influential writers, and was elected to the 'Académie Française' on June 16, 2005.. Djebar worked as a professor of francophone literature at New York University.
Assia Djebar died on February 6th 2015 at the age of 78 in Paris, France.

- **Section one: Reading comprehension [07 Pts]**

- **Activity①:** *I read the text carefully and answer these questions.* [02 Pts]

1. What is the original name of Assia Djebar?
2. Did she continue her studies in France?

- **Activity②**: I *read the passage again and say True or False.* [03 Pts]

1. Assia Djebar was born in the south of Algeria.
2. 'La soif' is her first published novel.
3. She won the 'Neustadt" prize in 1993.

- **Activity③**: *I match words in (A) with their meanings in (B.)* [02 Pts]

| *(A)* | *(B)* |
|---|---|
| 1. Pen-name | A) A reward given for a very good work. |
| 2. Playwright | B) Known worldwide, popular. |
| 3. prize | C) A name used by writer to publish books. |
| 4. famous | D) A person who writes plays, dramatist. |

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- **Section two: Mastery of the language [07 Pts]**
- **Activity①:** *I ask two (02) questions to this sentence about the underlined words.* [02 Pts]

- Emir Abdelkader was born in 1808 in EL-Guetna near Mascara, Algeria.

- **Activity②**: *I rewrite the sentences into the passive voice.* [03 Pts]

1. The Algerian writer Mouloud Feraoun published many notable literary works.
2. A novelist writes novels.
3. The French colonialism inspired some of the Algerian writers.

- **Activity③**: *I find in the text two initial consonant clusters and two final consonant clusters.* [02 Pts]

| Initial consonant cluster | Final consonant cluster |
|---|---|
| ..... - ..... | ..... - ..... |

- **Section three: Written expression [06 Pts]**
- *Use the information from the chart and write a biographic paragraph about Mohammed Dib:*

| ***Name*** | ***Nationality*** | ***Occupations*** | ***Date & place of birth*** | ***Works*** | ***Date & place of death*** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mohammed Dib | Algerian | Writer, Novelist, playwright & Poet | 1920 Tlemecen Algeria | - Books:<br>- "the Big House" / 1952<br>- "The Fire"/ 1954<br>- "The loom" / 1957<br>- " Run on the Wild Shore" /1964 | 2nd May 2003 Paris France |

Good Luck

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