

Second term English test

After residents of northern Algerian cities had settled down in front of their televisions on May 21st, 2003 to watch an evening showing of the European soccer cup final, their ceiling and walls began to shake and crumble. The magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck at 19:44 local time, wreaking extensive damage throughout.

Centred in the Boumerdes region some 50km east of the capital city of Algiers, the worst affected urban areas were the cities of Boumerdes, Zemmouri, Thenia, Belouizdad, Rouiba and Reghaia, together with eastern arrears of the capital.

As soon as the earthquake had stopped, hundreds of young people hurried to rescue the injured from under the wreckage of ruined houses and buildings.

According to the reports, deaths totaled 2.226 with further than 10.261 injuries. Structural damage within urban areas was severe, with an estimated 150.000 people displaced from their homes and temporarily re-housed in makeshift tent camps. The May 21st earthquake was the largest to strike Algeria since 1980, when a magnitude 7.3 even caused 3.500 deaths and an estimated 5 billion dollars of damage.

Source: Liberté newspaper May 2003.

READING COMPREHENSION

1) **The text is**

- a) A report b) An article c) A survey

2) **In witch paragraph is it mentioned that the earthquake of May 21st left thousands of deaths and wounded?**

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3) **Are the following sentences true or false? Correct the false ones**

- a) The earthquake left thousands of deaths and wounded

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- b) Great damages were caused to most of the Algerian provinces.

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- c) The epicenter of the earthquake was in Boumerdes.

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- e) Many volunteers helped the victims.

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4) Answer the following questions.

- a) Name the different regions that were affected by the earthquake.
- b) Where was the earthquake centred?
- c) What were the damages of 21st May earthquake?
- d) What did the young people do when the disaster had stopped?
- e) How was the 1980's earthquake?

5) Find in the text synonyms to the following words.

- a) Fall down = §1
- b) Wounded = §2

6) What do the underlined words refer to in the text?

- a) Their =>
- b) Their =>.....

LANGUAGE STUDY

1) Complete the second sentence so as it means the same as the one given.

- 1. a) The journalist declared: "About 1000 people have lost their homes."
- b) the journalist declared that.....homes.

- 2. a) They told me that they had settled own in front for their TV.
- b) They told me : "....."

- 3. a) The volunteers saved two women and three children.
- b) Two women and three children.....

2) Re-order these words to get a meaningful sentence.

- a) Earthquake – Boumerdes – had – the – said – that – damage – they – caused – to

3) Classify these words according to the number of their syllables.

Residents – television – report – death

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables	Four syllables