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**The City of Oran**  
**Part 1**

**Algerian Arabic Translation:**

س: أول شي من وين من الجزائر؟  
ع: أنا من مدينة وهران و وهران في الغرب و هي لمدينة الزاوجة لكبيرة في الجزائر. و جاية على لبحر لبحر الابيض المتوسط و ماشي بعيدة على المغرب. وهران شابة بزاف. و تانيك هي معروفة بناسها، ناسها متفتحين بزاف، العقلية تاعهم متفتحة و معروفة تانيك بالموسيقى تاعهم، بالموسيقى و خاصة معروفة بالرأي.

**English translation:**

**S:** First of all, where in Algeria are you from?

**A:** I'm from Oran city. Oran is located in the west [of Algeria] and it's the second biggest city in Algeria. It's located by the sea – the Mediterranean Sea, and it is not very far from [the border with] Morocco. Oran is very beautiful. Also, it's known for its people: its people are very open-minded and their mentality is an open one. It's also known for its music and it's especially known for *Rai*<sup>1</sup> music.

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<sup>1</sup> *Rai* is considered the pop music of North Africa and it's especially known in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.