

Práctica Novo Modelo Exame ABAU. K-Pop.

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English.

You might think you know a thing or two about K-pop if you've listened to Gangnam Style but K-Pop is so much more than this one song. Ingenious approaches to music videos, genuine talent, and pure hard work set K-Pop apart from any other genre of music existing nowadays. Here are some of the reasons why K-pop is so popular.

If you've seen any K-pop videos, the first things that catch your attention are the bright colors and the clothes the artists wear. K-pop stars bring a whole new meaning to fashion. Since most K-pop music videos have a certain theme or story behind them, their costumes and sets reflect just that.

Almost all Korean music lyrics and videos tell stories rather than just random dancing and meaningless choruses. A great example of this is the WINGS album by the boy group BT, which contains themes of youth and adolescence. You don't have to worry about not understanding the words, because as soon as you hear one of the catchy beats, it's going to be stuck in your head and you won't be able to stop singing it despite the language barrier.

K-pop idols can not only sing and dance, but they can also perform dance numbers so complicated that it would usually require professional dancers. This takes an insane amount of hard work, practice, and skill, but they are well-known for performing these routines live.

K-pop artists are usually groomed and mentored by managers or agents for years at a time before recording a song. Intensive training makes these young artists seasoned performers by the time they debut. They almost always act as well as sing and dance. Not only are K-pop artists super talented and incredibly hard workers, but they also star in perfectly executed music videos and often mix other cultures into their songs. Singers frequently mix in English words with their lyrics. Some K-pop stars are even from different countries like Thailand, China, Japan, Canada and even America. K-pop is much more than just "music in some unknown language", it's an entire culture.

QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1. Read TEXT 1 and answer the three questions below:

1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points using your own words. (Approximately 50 words; 0.75 point)

2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Then write the part (and ONLY that part) of the text that justifies your answer. (1 point; 0.25 each)

- a) The artists' outfits match the stories of their songs.
- b) K-pop artists only perform on videos or pre-recorded programmes.
- c) K-pop artists sing mainly in English.
- d) It takes a long time until K-pop artists can begin their musical career.

3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (0.75 point; 0.25 each).

a. words of a song

b. captivating, addictive

c. made ready

QUESTION 3. Answer the two blocks of questions:

3.1. Block 1. Pronunciation. (1 point; 0.25 each)

- a) In which one of the following words are the letters "ed" pronounced /ɪd/ as in "attended":
used, wasted, spoiled, appeared;
- b) In which one of the following words are the underlined letter(s) pronounced /ʃ/ as in "ship"?
congratulations, digest, question, messing;
- c) In which one of these words is the stress on the second syllable: increase (noun) or increase (verb)?;
- d) In which one of the following words is the consonant "h" silent, not pronounced?
humidity, honors, hierarchy, heaven

3.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one(s). Use the word or expression in *italics*, making the necessary changes. (1.5 point; 0.5 points each).

- a) The hairdresser is going to cut my hair in K-pop style.
I ...
- b) A friend of mine went to Korea because she loves K-pop.
The reason
- c) K-pop artists are super talented and very hard workers. Their costumes reflect the stories of their songs.
... whose...

QUESTION 5. Write a composition answering these questions: What type/style of music do you like? Why? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)