



# World Class Federation of Martial Arts Written Dan Test

## ANSWERS

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|  | 1. What does Gup mean?                                                                                            | Rank under black belt.                                                            |
|  | 2. What Gup level are you?                                                                                        | Red 4's are: 1 Gup, 2nd Pretest. Or, if not a Gup, put I am not a Gup. I am _____ |
|  | 3. What type of ranking system do the black belts have?                                                           | Dan System                                                                        |
|  | 4. Write out the words to count from FIRST through TENTH (not one through ten which is hana, tul, set, net, etc.) |                                                                                   |
|  | Begin with CHO, E,                                                                                                | Il, E, Sam, Sa, O, Yuk, Chi'l, Pal, Ku, Sip (CHO MEANS "beginner")                |

What do the following Korean words mean when translated to English?

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|  | 5. Tang (circle one):                                   | Open Hand                                                                                       | Offense/Defense | Way Of |
|  | 6. Soo (circle one):                                    | Open Hand                                                                                       | Offense/Defense | Way Of |
|  | 7. Do (circle one):                                     | Open Hand                                                                                       | Offense/Defense | Way Of |
|  | 8. Tang Soo Do:                                         | Way of the open hand to defend and strike.                                                      |                 |        |
|  | 9. What is Soo Bahk Do?                                 | The name of the Ancient Martial Art of Korea. (The Martial Art that Tang Soo Do is based upon). |                 |        |
|  |                                                         | It is the style that the strong kicking and hard blocking of TSD originated.                    |                 |        |
|  | 10. Who is the head and founder of all of Tang Soo Do?  | Hwang Kee                                                                                       |                 |        |
|  | 11. In what city and country did Tang Soo Do originate? | Seoul, Korea                                                                                    |                 |        |
|  | 12. In what year did Tang Soo Do originate?             | 1945                                                                                            |                 |        |

Extra credit: What was the time of day Tang Soo Do was officially founded? November 9, 1945 between 2:30-3:00 p.m.

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|  | 13. What does the belt of a Grandmaster look like?                                                                | Grandmaster Black belts have two stripes running horizontally through the length of the belt |
|  | 14. What does the belt of a Master look like?                                                                     | Master Black belts have one stripe running horizontally through the length of the belt.      |
|  | 15. What other country influenced Tang Soo Do?                                                                    | China                                                                                        |
|  | 16. What is the percentage of influence of all the styles that make up Tang Soo Do (include % and name of style)? | 60% Soo Bahk Do, 30% Northern Chinese, 10% Southern Chinese                                  |

17. Why does Tang Soo Do have a Martial Arts influence from another country?

The age of Japanese occupation forced Hwang Kee to flee for his life so he escaped Korea by going North to Manchuria (China) in 1936. In 1909 Japan occupied the Korean peninsula, and the Korean people were forbidden to practice any martial art. In this time, known as Tae Kyun, martial arts secretly survived among a remnant of a handful of students. Meanwhile, many Koreans, oppressed at home, emigrated from their country to study and work in other parts of the world, including China and Japan. No restrictions on unarmed martial arts training existed in these countries, and for the first time in over a thousand years, Tae Kyun was exposed to other forms of unarmed self defense. Grandmaster Hwang Kee was one of the exiles under the pressure of the Japanese government. Grandmaster Hwang was arrested by the Japanese and imprisoned. He was sentenced to death for violating Japanese Martial Law. Hwang Kee escaped and, having to leave his family behind, fled north into Manchuria (China) in 1936. Previously he trained under an unknown Soo Bahk Ki Master, starting his training at an early age. At the time of his exile he was well known as a Soo Bahk Ki Master himself.

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|  | 18. What style of Martial Arts, from this other country, influenced Tang Soo Do? | Kung Fu/Wu Shu                             |
|  | 19. What does the word "karate" mean?                                            | Empty Hand OR Open Hand is acceptable too. |
|  | 20. In what country did the word karate originate: Japan or Korea?               | Japan                                      |

What were the 5 original Kwans formed in Korea?

- 21. 1) Moo Duk Kwan
- 22. 2) Ji Do Kwan
- 23. 3) Choong Do Kwan
- 24. 4) Cheong Moo Kwan
- 25. 5) Song Moo Kwan

Regarding the Flag of the United States of America:



- 26. What do the 13 stripes represent? 13 original colonies
- 27. What do the 50 stars represent? 50 states
- 28. What do the colors represent?  
Red: Strength, Courage      White: Innocence      Blue: Justice, Vigilance

29. Who was the first **Korean** Tang Soo Do Master to come to Detroit, MI? Jae Joon Kim

**EXTRA CREDIT:** What was his/her Dan number? #38

Describe the Flag of the Republic of Korea / Kuk Ki (Circle correct answer)



- 30. upper left symbol (circle one): Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang
- 31. lower right symbol (circle one): Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang
- 32. upper right symbol (circle one): Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang
- 33. lower left symbol (circle one): Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang
- 34. Symbol in the middle (circle one): Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang
- 35. The Color White (circle one) Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity Passive/Female Active/Male
- 36. The Color Red (circle one) Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity Passive/Female Active/Male
- 37. The Color Blue (circle one) Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity Passive/Female Active/Male
- 38. What color on the Korean Flag represents "Father" (circle one)? White Red Blue
- 39. Regarding Um-Yang, does Yang represent Mind or Body (circle one)? Mind Body
- 40. What color on the Korean Flag represents Um (circle one)? White Red Blue
- 41. When (what year) was Grandmaster Hwang Kee born? 11/09/1914
- 42. What did Grandmaster Hwang Kee buy for a worldwide training place? Mountain
- 43. For how many years did Hwang Kee have to flee his country? 9 years

**EXTRA CREDIT:** What were the years he was gone? 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 1936 to 1945

What does Pyong Ahn mean?

44. Pyong: Well-Balanced, Calm, Peaceful

45. Ahn: Safe, Confident, Comfortable

46. 

Tang	Soo	Do
탕	수	도

47. Why do we study Tang Soo Do? IN FIVE WORDS OR LESS:

Develop every aspect of self.

What seasons do the different colored belts represent? (circle correct answer on each line)

	48. White	Spring	In between Winter & Spring	Fall/Autumn	Winter	Summer
	49. Yellow/Orange	Spring	In between Winter & Spring	Fall/Autumn	Winter	Summer
	50. Green	Spring	In between Winter & Spring	Fall/Autumn	Winter	Summer
	51. Red	Spring	In between Winter & Spring	Fall/Autumn	Winter	Summer
	52. Black Belt (Midnight Blue)	Spring	In between Winter & Spring	Fall/Autumn	Winter	Summer

What are the Logo Representations in the World Class Federation of Martial Arts logo?

	53. The Chinese characters in the middle:	Tang Soo Do
	54. The Red Dragon (circle one):	Male Female
	55. The Blue Dragon (circle one):	Male Female
	56. What do the dragons eye colors represent? green (red dragon) and blue (blue dragon?)	Grandmaster Pitcher (Green), Master Watson (Blue)



	57. The planet:	unlimited possibilities for tang soo do goodness to extend throughout the universe
	58. The starburst:	directions that tang soo do has spread throughout the world
	59. The black belt:	ultimate first goal to achieve the beginnings of an understanding of our art
	60. The ten stars inside the belt:	10 gup levels, and 10 dan levels, and that we believe each level to be equally important
	61. The eight stripes inside the belt:	eight key concepts of Tang Soo Do

(One extra credit point for each of the eight that you can name - either Korean OR English). Clue: you can use the information posted on the walls.

	1.	Yong Gi (courage);
	2.	Chung Shin Tong Il (concentration);
	3.	In Neh (endurance);
	4.	Chung Jik (honesty);
	5.	Kyum Son (humility)
	6.	Him Cho Chung (control of power);
	7.	Shin Chook (tension and relaxation)
	8.	Wan Gup (speed control).

	62. The words "World Class":	we have set the highest standards possible both professionally and personally in all that we do
	63. The color gold:	Represents the honor and integrity that our Institute brings to the Martial Arts.
	64. The tag line "Honor – Pride – Respect – Confidence":	teachings we hold most dear in our martial arts instruction, without honor, pride, respect, and confidence, the rest is unimportant.
	65. What is the most important thing you get from your Tang Soo Do training, and instructor(s)?	Should be a thoughtful answer.

66. Give a brief description of your Head Instructor's **history and** training in Tang Soo Do.

should include some of the following:

**Grandmaster Pitcher** began training in Tang Soo Do with his son Michael in a class that preached discipline, respect, self defense and leadership skills. His last promotion was in March, 2017 to 7th degree Black Belt, by Grandmaster Greg Boliard-9th Dan (Dan #14763) and Founder of Mu Sa Kwan Tang Soo Do Federation, a world-wide organization with over 23 Member Schools. Prior to that, during his 6th Dan testing, the Promotion Board also presented him with the title of Grandmaster, as was their practice. In traditional Tang Soo Do this honor is not achieved until 8th degree, so he is very humbled to have received this designation from those Grandmasters. GM Pitcher continues his training with Grandmaster Boliard. GM Pitcher has successfully competed in many tournaments, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies and medals regularly adorning his walls. One of his favorite achievements was at the 8th World Championship International Tang Soo Do Federation Tournament in Panama where he earned the Gold Medal in Black Belt Forms. At the Battle of Detroit tournament in 2007, GM Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed, together with the Mayor of Dearborn, John O'Reilly, presented GM Pitcher with the Martial Arts Leadership Award. GM Pitcher was one of the first-ever to be selected for this honor. In 2002 GM Pitcher was voted Man of the Year-Tang Soo Do by USA Martial Arts, and in 2008 received Instructor of the Year and was inducted into the TSDMAS Hall of Fame.

**Master Norton** began training in Tang Soo Do in 1996. In 2015 he tested for 5th Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Pitcher, at **World Class Institute of Martial Arts**. Master Norton began assisting in classes in 1998, and leading classes on his own by 2000. As of 1-1-15, Master Norton is the Owner and Head Instructor of **WCIMA** in Madison Heights. Throughout his years of training, Master Norton participated in numerous tournaments, including large-scale National and International tournaments in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Florida, and Panama. He brought home trophies and medals in all areas and is most proud of the weapons, forms, and breaking medals as his favorite. His signature pima kick break, low-block break, and brick-breaking routine are fan favorites! In addition to traditional Tang Soo Do training, Master Norton spent time with the renowned Bell Family learning Jiu Jitsu, which he has helped incorporate into the self defense curriculum as a Senior Member of the Technical Advisory Board with the World Class Federation of Martial Arts, which establishes and enforces the quality curriculum for its member schools. Master Norton also visited and trained in Korea and China on a martial arts trip to those countries in 2000. As a member of the WCIMA Demo team for many years, Master Norton brought excitement and amazing technical skill to the venues in which they performed, including the annual Livonia Spree on the Main Stage.

	KOREAN WORD	ANSWER	# CHOICES
67.	Bah Roh / Baro	Correct English word (insert #): 6	1 Attention
68.	Cha Ryut	Correct English word (insert #): 1	2 Begin
69.	Choon Bee	Correct English word (insert #): 5	3 Bow
70.	Kiyap	Correct English word (insert #): 8	4 One Step Sparring
71.	Il Soo Sik Dae Ryun	Correct English word (insert #): 4	5 Ready Position
72.	Ku Gi Ba Ray	Correct English word (insert #): 7	6 Return
73.	Kyung Et	Correct English word (insert #): 3	7 Salute the Flag
74.	Shi Johk	Correct English word (insert #): 2	8 Spirited Yell
75.	Toh Rha / Torá	Correct English word (insert #): 9	9 Turn