



World Class Federation of Martial Arts Written Dan Test

ANSWERS. 65 questions. 80% to pass = 52

1. What does Gup mean? Rank under black belt. (You should know you're Gup #). White=10, Yellow=9, etc	GREEN
2. What does the word "karate" mean? Empty Hand OR Open Hand is acceptable too.	GREEN
3. Why do we study Tang Soo Do? IN FIVE WORDS OR LESS: Develop every aspect of self.	GREEN
4. What is the most important thing you get from your Tang Soo Do training, and instructor(s)? Should be a thoughtful answer. How has it helped YOU improve something in your life?	GREEN
5. What type of ranking system do the black belts have? Dan System (1st degree BB is Cho Dan. Cho means beginning.)	GREEN
6. What does the belt of a Grandmaster look like? Grandmaster Black belts usually have two stripes running horizontally through the length	GREEN
7. What does the belt of a Master look like? Master Black belts have one stripe running horizontally through the length of the belt.	GREEN
8. Who is the head and founder of all of Tang Soo Do? Hwang Kee	GREEN
9. When (what year) was Grandmaster Hwang Kee born? 1914 (November 9th)	GREEN
10. In what year did Tang Soo Do originate? 1945	Green 1
Extra credit: What was the DAY and TIME Tang Soo Do was officially founded? ALSO November 9th between 2:30-3:00 p.m.	XC Green 1
11. In what city and country did Tang Soo Do originate? Seoul, Korea	Green 1
12. In what country did the word karate originate: Japan or Korea? Japan	Green 1
13. What did Grandmaster Hwang Kee buy for a worldwide training place? Mountain	Green 1
14. 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.	Green 1
15. Write out the words to count from FIRST through TENTH (not one through ten which is hana, tul, set, net, etc.) Begin with IL, E, IL (CHO means beginning), E, Sam, Sa, O, Yuk, Chi'l, Pal, Ku, Sip (Cho means beginner)	Green 1
What do the following Korean words mean when translated to English?	
16. Tang (circle one): Open Hand Offense/Defense Way Of	Green 1
17. Soo (circle one): Open Hand Offense/Defense Way Of	Green 1
18. Do (circle one): Open Hand Offense/Defense Way Of	Green 1
19. Tang Soo Do: Way of the open hand to defend and strike.	Green 1
20. What other country influenced Tang Soo Do? China	Green 2
21. 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.	Green 2 (OVER for more)

22. What is the percentage of influence of all the styles that make up Tang Soo Do (include % and name of style)?	Green 2
60% Soo Bahk Do, 30% Northern Chinese, 10% Southern Chinese	
23. What style of Martial Arts, from this other country, influenced Tang Soo Do?	Green 2
Kung Fu/Wu Shu	
24. For how many years did Hwang Kee have to flee his country?	Green 2
9 years	
EXTRA CREDIT: What were the years he was gone?	XC Green 2
19 _____ to 19 _____ 1936 to 1945	
What seasons do the different colored belts represent? (circle correct answer on each line)	
25. White Spring In between Winter & Spring Fall/Autumn <u>Winter</u> Summer	Green 2
26. Yellow/Orange Spring <u>In between Winter & Spring</u> Fall/Autumn Winter Summer	Green 2
27. Green <u>Spring</u> In between Winter & Spring Fall/Autumn Winter Summer	Green 2
28. Red Spring In between Winter & Spring Fall/Autumn Winter <u>Summer</u>	Green 2
29. Black Belt (Midnight Blue for some) Spring In between Winter & Spring <u>Fall/Autumn</u> Winter Summer	Green 2
Regarding the Flag of the United States of America:	
30. What do the 13 stripes represent?	RED
13 original colonies	
31. What do the 50 stars represent?	RED
50 states	
32. What do the colors represent?	RED
Red: Strength, Courage White: Innocence Blue: Justice, Vigilance	
33. Who was the first Korean Tang Soo Do Master to come to Detroit, MI?	RED
Jae Joon Kim	
Describe the Flag of the Republic of Korea / Kuk Ki (Circle correct answer)	
34. upper left symbol (circle one):	RED
Father/Heaven <u>Mother/Earth</u> Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang	
35. lower right symbol (circle one):	RED
Father/Heaven <u>Mother/Earth</u> Son/Water Daughter/Fire Um/Yang	
36. upper right symbol (circle one):	RED
Father/Heaven Mother/Earth <u>Son/Water</u> Daughter/Fire Um/Yang	
37. lower left symbol (circle one):	RED
Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water <u>Daughter/Fire</u> Um/Yang	
38. Symbol in the middle (circle one):	RED
Father/Heaven Mother/Earth Son/Water Daughter/Fire <u>Um/Yang</u>	
39. The Color White (circle one)	RED
<u>Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity</u> Passive/Female Active/Male	
40. The Color Red (circle one)	RED
Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity Passive/Female <u>Active/Male</u>	
41. The Color Blue (circle one)	RED
Peaceful Nature of their people/Purity <u>Passive/Female</u> Active/Male	
42. What color on the Korean Flag represents "Father" (circle one)?	RED
White <u>Red</u> Blue	
43. Regarding Um-Yang, does Yang represent Mind or Body (circle one)?	RED
Mind <u>Body</u>	
44. What color on the Korean Flag represents Um (circle one)?	RED
White Red <u>Blue</u>	
What are the Logo Representations in the World Class Federation of Martial Arts logo?	
45. The Chinese characters in the middle:	Red 1
Tang Soo Do	
46. The Red Dragon (circle one):	Red 1
<u>Male</u> Female	
47. The Blue Dragon (circle one):	Red 1
Male <u>Female</u>	
48. What do the dragons eye colors represent? green (red dragon) and blue (blue dragon)?	Red 1
Grandmaster Pitcher (Green), Master Watson (Blue)	
49. The planet:	Red 1
unlimited possibilities for tang soo do goodness to extend throughout the universe	



50. The starburst: directions that tang soo do has spread throughout the world	Red 1
51. The black belt: ultimate first goal to achieve the <u>beginnings</u> of an understanding of our art	Red 1
52. The ten stars inside the belt: 10 gup levels, and 10 dan levels, and that we believe each level to be equally important	Red 1
53. The eight stripes inside the belt: eight key concepts of Tang Soo Do	Red 1
(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. Courage	XC Red 1
2. Concentration	XC Red 1
3. Endurance	XC Red 1
4. Honesty	XC Red 1
5. Humility	XC Red 1
6. Control of Power	XC Red 1
7. Tension and Relaxation	XC Red 1
8. Speed Control	XC Red 1
54. The words "World Class": we have set the highest standards possible both professionally and personally in all that we do	Red 1
55. The color gold: Represents the honor and integrity that our Institute brings to the Martial Arts.	Red 1
56. 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.	Red 1
57. Give a brief description of your Head Instructor's history and training in Tang Soo Do.	Red 2
<p>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.</p>	

