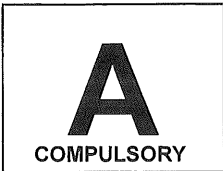


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**HKDSE 2015  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 1 PART A  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



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Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-24. (31 marks)

1. Who is Charmaine Chan?

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2. How many more books is Daniel planning to write? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Order the following events in Daniel's life. Number the events (1-4). The first event has been done for you.

His career:

Started working for *The Economist*

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Wrote his first book about Korea

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Became an English teacher

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Studied at Oxford University

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4. Who does "they" refer to in line 9?

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5. What does Daniel mean by "off the radar" (line 10)?

- A. famous
- B. disliked
- C. exciting
- D. unknown

A      B      C      D  
        

6. Which country does the writer suggest is currently the "big story" (line 10)?

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7. Why is *jeong* referred to as "the invisible hug" (line 13)?

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8. What does Daniel think is “nonsense” (line 15)?

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9. Why did Koreans drink a lot and sing raucously at traditional funerals?

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10. According to paragraph 5, name one difference and one similarity between Koreans and Westerners, as seen by Daniel. (2 marks)

i) difference \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) similarity \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Why doesn't Daniel like K-pop?

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12. Who or what does the word “them” (line 31) refer to? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What opinion do both Daniel and Psy share?

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14. Based on the information given in paragraph 7, decide if the following statements are **True**, **False** or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement. (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Daniel is a friend of Psy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) 3rd Line Butterfly is a K-pop group.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Daniel thinks some good Korean music isn't well known internationally.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. What are “soaps” (line 34)?

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16. Why does Daniel think “Korea’s probably not the best country in which to be a woman” (lines 36-37)?

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17. Complete the summary of paragraph 8 by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. Each word can only be used once. You should make sure your answers are grammatically correct, paying attention to tenses, plurals, etc. (5 marks)

Daniel doesn’t like Korean (i) \_\_\_\_\_ because he thinks the stories are too emotional. The stories are often the same, with a (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ man meeting a (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ lady who comes from a (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ background and in the end they (v) \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Why does Daniel think that Gangnam mothers are “scary” in line 40?

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19. What does Daniel mean by “materially” in line 41?

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20. Why are wealthy Koreans obsessed with education?

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21. According to paragraph 10, how has Daniel changed since he arrived in Korea?

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22. Overall, what does Daniel feel is most attractive about Korea?

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23. What does “In from the cold” in the title suggest about Britain?

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24. Who or what does “Geek” in the title of Daniel’s book refer to?

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Read Text 2 and answer questions 25-31. (9 marks)

25. What is the irony in paragraph 1?

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26. Other than Daniel, which writer mentioned in Text 2 has definitely lived in Korea?

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27. What is the meaning of a “canon” (line 11)?

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28. What does Evan Ramstad’s comment about North Korea in lines 13-14 imply?

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29. How does the content of Daniel Tudor’s book differ from Michael Breen’s?

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30. What is the contradiction between how Koreans see success and their love of trendy gadgets and fashion? (2 marks)

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31. What does the question Daniel poses at the end of his book suggest about his view of Koreans and their achievements? (2 marks)

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