

ABAU EXAM. NEW MODEL.

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW.**

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 prerecorded 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. crazy

TEXT 1

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.

QUESTION 2. Read TEXT 2 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) Population in Spain is getting younger.
- b) The situation in the countryside is improving.
- c) Rural areas are filled with people.
- d) Money has nothing to do with this problem.

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. becoming old b. think of c. containing nothing

TEXT 2

A new map is emerging of Spain's interior, where a huge swathe of the country is slowly dying as a result of aging populations and migration to the cities. In 22 provinces, a third of inhabitants are already aged 65 or over, while the national average is 16.7 percent. When in 2005 a demographer was asked to calculate how best the country could retain its population structure in 2050, the only answer he could come up with was for women to have 7.5 children each. A decade later, he says, "there is nothing to be done other than selective immigration."

But Spain has already witnessed rapid immigration – around 6.5 million people have come into the country over the last 20 years – while the birth rate continues to fall, from 1.4 children per woman in 2008 to 1.27 in 2013.

And it is rural areas that are being hit hardest. For example, Aguilar de Anguita, a small community around 140 kilometers northeast of Madrid. The village is just six kilometers from the main highway, but Ángel Álvarez, his wife, and their two daughters, who run a roadside restaurant, are among the last remaining inhabitants. The streets are clean and its houses well maintained, but the place is silent and empty. Take the road out of the village at night in the direction of Valencia, and for the next 50 kilometers, the villages are all empty; the only light comes from street lamps. And it seems that pumping money into rural areas is not the solution. The EU has shown that there is no correlation between more public investment and development.

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. /...
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 4. Answer the two blocks of questions:

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

- a) In which one of the following words is the letter "u" not pronounced as in *you* /ju:/? huge, community, population, pumping;
b) Write the word whose underlined letters are pronounced differently from the others: greasy, weak, steak, tea;
c) In which one of the following words is the stress on the last syllable, as in "confused"? cigar, comfortable, different, regular;
d) In which one of the following words is the underlined "-ed" pronounced /t/? needed, laughed, wasted, filled.

4.2. 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 points; 0.5 points each).

a) Small villages are empty because young people go to big towns to find a job.

...owing to...

b) It would be a good idea to study chemistry if you want to be a pharmacist. *You....*

c) Whenever it snows, I realise I can't ski, but I'd like to learn. *I wish ...*

QUESTION 5. Write a composition answering these questions: What type/ style of music do you like? Why?

(Approximately 120 words) (**2.5 points**)

QUESTION 6. Write a composition about the advantages and disadvantages of living in a rural area.

(Approximately 120 words) (**2.5 points**)