

WMDK ORAL QUESTIONS FOR DAN CANDIDATES

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1. What is the President's Vision Tour and the motivation for it?
 - a. President H.C. Hwang explains his motivation as follows, "Our beloved Founder of the Moo Duk Kwan, Grandmaster Hwang Kee passed away on July 14, 2002. Upon his passing, Grandmaster Hwang Kee became part of the Past. We are the present, and the future of the Moo Duk Kwan. It is dependant upon us and our actions. Now is a very important time in the Moo Duk Kwan's history for the present members to strengthen relationships with each other and solidify a worldwide structure that will ensure the future longevity of our art into the next century."

When the Kwan Jang Nim H.C. Hwang was asked how the Moo Duk Kwan would continue if he should become unable to serve because of some unexpected event he answered,

"The foundation of the Moo Duk Kwan home must be strong enough to carry our art into the future for our next generations, even in my absence. The future of our art cannot remain dependant upon a single person, rather it depends upon every practitioner willingly carrying the Moo Duk Kwan into the future by moving in harmony with one another. Present day practitioners need to strengthen their relationships with each other worldwide and embrace a global structure conceived and dedicated to the preservation of the Moo Duk Kwan. WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATION.

Our art's foundation and life blood is new beginners, Gup members, Dan members, Ko Dan Ja members and their families. All are art of our FOUNDATION. Current members can move toward the goal of "STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION" through their active participation. Individual participation is the Key Energy necessary to strengthen our foundation.

Our Moo Duk Kwan's unique history is a source of great pride for Moo Do practitioners and by gaining a deeper understanding of the history of the Moo Duk Kwan, we are able to connect with our proud identity as a leader in the Martial Arts community Worldwide. We have the opportunity to continue honoring preserving the values embraced by our seniors and carried through history into our present day training. We can create a bright future for the Moo Duk Kwan by focusing on our individual active role, and our worldwide common goal, of "***Strengthening our Foundation.***" With this energy, the longevity of our Living Art is very promising. These are my motivation for the President's Vision Tour."

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2. Name three students whom you personally connected to your art of Soo Bahk Do Moo[®] Duk Kwan[®] during the last 3-4 years and who became training members of your Federation after your referral:

- a. Name 1
- b. Name 2
- c. Name 3

3. Please cite some specific examples of how you have participated in, and/or contributed to Vision success during your last 3-4 years of training.

Personal Answer

4. What are the five Moo Do Values?

- a. History
- b. Tradition
- c. Discipline/Respect
- d. Philosophy
- e. Technique

5. What is the meaning of the words “Moo Duk Kwan[®]” and when was it founded?

- a. Answer: Moo (Martial or Military), Duk (Virtue), Kwan (Style or Institute) Founding date: November 9, 1945

6. What is the meaning of the words “Soo Bahk Do[®]” and when was the name “Soo Bahk Do” officially adopted by the Founder Hwang Kee in Korea?

- a. Answer: Soo (Hand), Bahk (Strike), Do (Way). June 30, 1960 Seoul, Korea

7. What is the meaning of the words “Cho Dan” ?

- a. Answer: Cho (Beginning), Dan (Level).

8. What is the meaning of “Pyong Ahn” ?

- a. Answer: Peaceful Confidence. The character Pyong is a picture of a balanced scale; the character Ahn is a picture of a mother and child under a roof.

9. Please describe three (3) areas of human development through the Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

- a. Answer: Weh Gong (External power), Neh Gong (Internal power), Shim Gong (Spiritual power)

10. Name the first three of the 8 Key Concepts, #4 through 6, #7 and 8 and their translation.

- a. Answer: Yong Gi (Courage), Chung Shin Tong Il (Concentration), In Neh (Endurance), Chung Jik (Honesty), Kyum Son (Humility),

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Him Cho Chung (Control of power), Shin Chook (Relaxation and tension), Wan Gup (Speed control).

11. Name any two (2) characteristics of the Hyung "Passai".
 - a. Answer: Light, Quick, Offensive, Active.
12. Name any two (2) characteristics of the Hyung "Naihanji (Neh Bo Jin)" and their translation.
 - a. Answer: Heavy (Stable), Powerful, Defensive, Passive. Neh (Inside/Internal), Bo (Step), Jin (Advance).
13. Give the meaning of any two (2) symbols in the Moo Duk Kwan Flag.
 - a. Answer: The leaves represent 14 provinces of Korea, the Green stands for spring, growth and spreading of Moo Duk Kwan, also stands for peace. The berries represent the 6 major continents, color red stands for ripening the season of summer. Red also represents the Yang side of the Um/Yang. The Yang represents: Heat, active, offensive nature. The Blue scroll represents knowledge and the characters in the scroll are Soo (Moo) Bahk. The Blue stands for autumn, a fruitful result of training, it is also the color of the Um indication coolness, calmness, passiveness
14. When was Ki Cho Hyung IL Bu -Sam Bu created and by whom ? How many moves are in each form?
 - a. Answer: 1947. Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee. 22 moves (Include Jhoon Bee and Ba Ro)
15. What is the meaning of the words "Chil Song" and its related stars ?
 - a. Answer: Seven Star. Big dipper with the North star.
16. When was your National organization founded and who is your Board representative?
 - a. Answer: Varies By Country
17. What is the Um -Yang ?
 - a. Answer: (Chinese: Yin -Yang) it is the symbol in the center of the Tae Kuk Gi (Korean flag). It is a symbol which reflects the Oriental view of the duality of the universe and how all things may be categorized as having one of two natures. Um is the blue side and represents the passive, coolness, defensive nature, and the female principle. Yang is the Red side and represents the active, heat, offensive nature, and the male principle.
18. Whom in the Federation should you contact to if you have any concerns?
 - a. Answer: Elected Board member in my region (while observing proper protocol).

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19. What can you do to contribute to the success of our art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan ?
 - a. Answer: Personal. However it is important to see their indications related to to their Do Jang, Region, and the Federation.

20. What do you feel is the main ingredient which differentiates a Martial Artist from someone who just practices Karate?
 - a. Answer: Understanding and applying Moo Do Shim Gong. Just because you can perform the movements physically, does not mean you have an understanding of the spirit of the martial art. The spirit of the martial art (Moo Do Shim Gong) envelops all areas of a student's efforts, on and off the training hall floor. To live like a martial artist is to be an artist of life and to apply the virtues and principles outlined in Kwan Jang Nim's teachings.