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*You have found a travel guide about Korea. Read the travel guide.***Text 4 Travel guide**

Seoul Attractions

- ① Seoul, the capital of South Korea, is a must-go for anybody spellbound by both traditional and popular Korean culture. With the emergence of K-pop and K-dramas as a major force in pop culture around the globe in recent years, Seoul has swiftly risen to become a major travel destination.
- 5 K-pop devotees just can't resist experiencing this culture first hand.

N Seoul Tower

Famous Korean landmark N Seoul Tower and its 'Locks of Love'. The locks aren't just for lovers. You can leave one for family, friends and even your pet!

- ② Any K-drama fan worth his or her salt will definitely recognize this uniquely romantic symbol of Seoul. N Seoul Tower, a landmark that has appeared in many romantic K-dramas, is renowned for its 'Locks of Love'.
- 10 Be sure to check them out at the observation deck and the base of the tower.
- ③ Create your own romantic K-drama moment by adding your very own love lock to this monument to romance, in order to declare your love for your beloved. Simply scribble your names onto your love lock and secure
- 15 it either to the fences, metal trees or metal hearts provided! To ensure your love endures, you need to discard the key. However, do not litter by simply tossing it off the tower. Instead, deposit your key into the Postbox of Love. For each key collected, some money is donated to underprivileged children as part of a meaningful campaign to spread love!

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25 Changdeokkung Palace



World Heritage site Changdeokkung Palace and its secret garden, Huwon. Huwon is one of the most beautiful places in Seoul.

4 World Heritage Site Changdeokkung Palace is the most magnificent and the most well-preserved of the five palaces in Seoul. It was built as a secondary palace to the main Gyeongbokgung Palace. Many kings of the Joseon Dynasty preferred residing here than in the main palace due to its picturesque location. One feature that makes Changdeokkung Palace stand apart from the other palaces is that it was built to blend in harmoniously with its natural surroundings.

5 This distinct characteristic is particularly noticeable in the immaculately manicured private garden found in the rear of the palace. This garden, now named Huwon, used to be called Geumwon or Forbidden Garden as only the royal family was allowed to enter it. Today, nobody should miss a guided tour of this enchanting garden. Kept as natural as possible and occupying almost sixty percent of the entire palace grounds, Huwon was a place the royal family went to let their hair down and relax.

6 The centerpiece of the garden is a large square lotus pond framed by two pavilions and surrounded by over 56,000 species of trees, plants and flowers. Today, a majority of the trees are over 300 years old. Autumn is the best time to visit Huwon as the trees are adorned with fiery leaves of varying shades of red and orange.

45 Food for the brave: *San-nakji*

7 If you are daring enough, there is something you must try in Seoul!

8 *San-nakji* is a Korean delicacy that can be found in many Korean seafood restaurants. It consists of small pieces of live octopus tentacles seasoned with sesame and sesame oil. The tentacles are still wriggling when you eat them! This slimy dish can be a choking hazard though as the suction cups on the tentacles are still active and might stick to your throat as you try to down them, so beware!

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Culture tip

55 **9** Koreans show great respect for their elders and it is not uncommon for older people to scold or even shout at disrespectful younger people in public! The Korean idea of 'elders' is anyone who is older than you, even if only by a year. So when you are in Korea, remember to be as courteous as you can to people who may be your senior. Yes, even your annoying elder brother!

60 **10** One major faux pas is sitting in the priority seats on the Korean subway reserved for the disabled, pregnant or elderly. This time we are talking about people of retirement age. The elderly will reprimand anyone who breaks the rules!

Comprehension 4 *Your father has asked you about the travel guide. Answer his questions using information from the travel guide. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 According to the travel guide, why has South Korea become a major travel destination?

2 Find an expression in paragraph 2 that is similar in meaning to 'good at what he or she does'.

3 Why does the writer call N Seoul Tower a 'romantic symbol'?

4 What does 'them' (line 10) refer to?

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5 What places does N Seoul Tower provide for people to attach their love locks?

6 i) Where should you put the key of your love lock?

ii) What are two benefits of doing so?

7 Find words in paragraphs 2 and 3 that have similar meanings to the following:

i) famous

ii) publicly show

iii) write

iv) lasts

8 Complete the following summary using ideas given in paragraph 4. Write ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct.

Changdeokkung Palace was the _____ palace of the kings of the _____ Dynasty. These kings took up _____ there most of the time as they _____ it to their main palace.

Today, Changdeokkung Palace is considered the most _____ and most _____ palace in Seoul. It is also architecturally special as it was built in a way that allows it to _____ in _____ with its natural surroundings.

9 What does 'this distinctive characteristic' (line 33) refer to?

10 Why was Huwon formerly called 'Forbidden Garden'?

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11 Find an expression in paragraph 5 that means 'to enjoy themselves'.

12 When is the best time to visit Huwon? Explain your answer.

13 What is *san-nakji*?

14 Why does the writer call *san-nakji* 'food for the brave'?



15 Would you try *san-nakji*? Why or why not?

16 According to the travel guide, what is the difference between 'elders' and 'elderly'?



17 Do you think it is important to show great respect for anyone who is older than you? Why or why not?

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- 18** Using information from the travel guide, match each tourist attraction with one of the quotes below. Choose from A–D and write the letter in the box next to each tourist attraction. One of the quotes will NOT be used.

QUOTES		QUOTES	
A	'The royal family liked relaxing here'.	C	'You see this place in many K-dramas.'
B	'You can eat <i>san-nakji</i> here.'	D	'This is a World Heritage Site.'

Huwon		N Seoul Tower		Changdeokgung Palace	
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- 19** According to the travel guide, are the following statements True (**T**), False (**F**) or Not Given (**NG**)?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The 'Locks of Love' can only be found on the observation deck of N Seoul Tower.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) There are five palaces in Seoul.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) All the trees, plants and flowers found in Huwon are native to South Korea.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) People have died from eating <i>san-nakji</i> .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
v) You can find priority seats on the Korean subway.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>