

P –Square... the epopée of two twin brothers

P-Square are a Nigerian R&B duo made of identical twin brother Peter and Paul Okoye. They produce and release their albums through Square Records. In December 2011, they also signed to Akon's Konvict Muzik label.

Peter and Paul were born Okoye, their father's name, the 18 November 1981 in Jos, Nigeria. The story of P-Square began in St. Murumba secondary school, a small Catholic school in Jos, Nigeria. Identical twins Peter and Paul joined their school music and drama club where they began singing, dancing, and mimicking songs of MC Hammer, Bobby Brown, and Michael Jackson.

In 1997, they formed a cappella quartet called "MMMPP" (Clef aka. Itemoh, Michael, Melvin, Peter and Paul). They were inspired by their idol, Michael Jackson. Their artistic talent and precise dance routine soon made them well known in Jos, where they performed at school functions and other occasions.

Nevertheless it was in 1999 that they formed their own group named "Double P", or "P&P", which became later P-Square. From their unchallenged success they won, many competitions and trophies as in 2001 the "Grab Da Mic" and Kora Awards (African Music Awards).

They sing mostly about love, and cultural topics of Nigeria. One day do you want be as them...?

Source: <http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/P-Square>

Text comprehension questions

Choose the right answer:

- 1) What is identical twin brother in French?
 - a) Frères de meme père
 - b) Des vrais jumeaux ou jumeaux identiques.
 - c) N'importe quel genre de jumeaux
- 2) When and where did they born?
 - a) In 18 November 1981 in Jos, Niger.
 - b) In 18 November 1982 in Maradi, Niger.
 - c) In September 1999 in Dosso, Niger.
- 3) Where did they for the first time start singing?
 - a) In their secondary school
 - b) In their high school
 - c) In their home
- 4) Which artists inspired them?
 - a) Sadou Bori
 - b) MC Hammer, Bobby Brown, and Michael Jackson
 - c) Kai Dan Kaskia

- 5) Chose the right translation of the following sentence: "They sing mostly about love, and cultural topics of Nigeria."
- a) Généralement ils chantent sur l'amour et les problèmes de société du Nigeria.
 - b) Ils chantent sur le Niger
 - c) Ils chantent sur l'argent et les problèmes de la jeunesse.

Critical Study

Answer the following questions:

- 1) **Why are they successful and famous in the entire world?**
 - a) Because they sing in English, the first language of the world.
 - b) Because they sing about topics as love that people like.
 - c) (Write your answer if you don't agree with the cited ones.)
- 2) **What is the problem of Nigerien musical industry?**
 - a) The singer sings in a non large and worldly language as English and French
 - b) The themes developed by the artists are not well elaborated
 - c) They lack channel or record and society's receptiveness due to religious conservatism
 - d) (Write your answer if you don't agree with the cited ones.)
- 3) **Who is your Nigerien favorite artist?**

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 - 4) If you have to advice this singer what will you say to him or her?
 - a) To sing in worldly language as English and French
 - b) To sing with elaborated lyrics and stop singing as beard on others
 - c) To continue singing in National languages
 - d)
- 5) **Which kind of music do you like?**
 - a) Dan Dali Soyeya
 - b) Nigerien variety
 - c) Hip Hop
 - d) Zouk
 - e)(or any other kind of music you precise here).
- 6) **Do you think an artist can be successful if a theme is imposed to him as it is the case of Niger, with the different NGO that obliged musician to sing on specific topic as aid?**
 - a) Yes,.....
 - b) No,.....
- 7) **According to you what is the role of a singer?**
 - a) Educating and schooling people
 - b) Amusing and entertaining them
 - c) Healing and comforting them by showing others have also the same problem as them
 - d)(or any other answer that you write here)