

Australian Kendo Renmei – Jodo Board

WRITTEN EXAMINATION – JODO SHINSA April 2023 QUESTIONS

Applicant's Name (*print legibly*):

State Renmei:

Dojo:

Birthday:

Age:

Each applicant testing for Shodan and above is required to answer Two (2) of the test questions given for the rank they are testing for. Please answer them by typing in English not less than 25 words and not more than 250 words. You may use the backside of this paper or a separate sheet. If using a separate sheet please insure your name is on the separate answer sheet.

Shodan candidates:

1. Explain the advantage of the Jo over the Katana.
2. State the purpose of learning Jodo.
3. Is it important, or is it not important, to participate in Jodo Competitions? Explain your rationale.
4. Discuss *metsuke*.

Nidan candidates:

1. What are the important points for beginners' instruction?
2. Give a summary of the term "Ma-ai" as it is applied in Jodo.
3. Discuss the concept of *zanshin*. Describe its use in at least one All Japan Kendo Federation Jodo kata.
4. Explain the proper way of gripping the bokken when cutting.

Sandan candidates:

1. Explain "Zanshin".
2. List key procedures and warning advice necessary to the safe practise of Jodo
3. State the important points when holding the Jo in "Tsune-no-kamae".

Yondan candidates:

1. Give two explanations of ma-ai? One explanation needs to be understood by a relative beginner and the other, more detailed, by a yondan shinsa panel.
2. Explain your understanding of "kuzushi" and explain how shijo applies this principle to a specific move of your choice in any seitei Jodo kata.
3. How has your understanding of the role uchidachi plays in kata changed since you passed shodan and how has this made you a better opponent for shijo?