

# Iaido Grading Questions

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## Shodan and Nidan

1. Detail the grading points for: Tsukaate
2. Detail the grading points for: Soetezuki
3. During performance of 12 forms of Seitei Iaido the practitioner should adopt five basic kamae. Name these kamae and give an example of where each one may occur.
4. What is the minimum recommended distance between yourself and your nearest neighbour when training?
5. Using diagrams, illustrate the positions, relative to you, of the opponents in Seiteigata no.6, Morotezuki, and Seiteigata no.8, Ganmenate.
6. How is the direction of the cut, the Hasuji, established when drawing the sword?

## Sandan and Yondan

1. Detail the grading points for: Tsukaate
2. Detail the grading points for: Soetezuki
3. Explain the position of the body and sword when assuming Hidari Jodan No Kamae.
4. List 8 general safety checks and procedures one should take before running a dojo training session.
5. Describe using diagrams, and explain the foot positions occurring during Seiteigata no.10, Shihogiri.
6. Where should the hands and the kissaki finish at the completion of each of the cuts delivered in Seiteigata no. 11, Sougiri?

## Godan

1. Detail the grading points for: Tsukaate
2. Detail the grading points for: Soetezuki
3. Explain the differences in timing of putting the hands on the sword between the various kata in ZNKR Iaido.
4. Explain briefly the timing and movements of going through Wakigamae in Shihogiri.
5. What are the reasons for a disqualification of a match during a taikai?
6. As well as the main technical points laid out in the Seitei Iaido manual, what other points of consideration are there when evaluating candidates in a grading (reference "The Regulations of Iaido Shiai and Shinpan")?

## References

- ZNKR Iaido Manual.
- The Regulations of Iaido Shiai and Shinpan.
- BKA Coaching Course Documents (Level 1 and 2).
- Examiner Mentoring Programme Stage 1 Briefing Document.
- Websites:

<http://iaidojodotraining.blogspot.com/2014/05/parts-of-sword.html>