

**BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION  
JODO SPRING SEMINAR 2022  
GRADING QUESTIONS**

Please answer the following questions as required for your grade. You may use illustrations to emphasise your point. Please restrict your response to no more than four sides of A4. **Please note, answers from the 2006 edition of the ZNKR Jodo Manual will no longer be accepted.**

**The 2018 edition is now being used exclusively as the reference for these questions.**

**Answers for the Spring Seminar should be received no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.**

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**Shodan and Nidan**

*These questions should be answerable from the Seitei Jodo manual or from asking your Senpai or Sensei:*

1. What are the three grading points for Shijo in the kata Sakan?
2. Describe three of the most important criteria for a warm-up.
3. Which famous swordsman was the founder of jojutsu said to have defeated?
4. During the Kihon for Kuritsuke, Kurihanashi and Tai-atari, at what position are the hands at on the Jo when the Jo is raised above the head?
5. Explain what is meant by the word "Kamae".

**Sandan and Yondan**

*These questions should be answerable from research from the Seitei Jodo manual, your Sensei and other external sources such as books, the internet, or other senior teachers.*

1. Explain the meaning of "Hei-Jo-Shin"
2. Name three principal students of Shimizu Takaji Sensei.
3. Describe 3 techniques in the Seiteigata curriculum which are particularly hazardous and explain how you would instruct people to ensure they did not receive an injury.
4. Name the grading points for the Uchidachi in the kata "Kasumi".
5. With the aid of diagrams, show the foot positions of Shijo in relation to the centre line during the kata Hissage.

**Sources of Information**

**Publications:**

- "Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei Jodo: English Version Manual"; All Japan Kendo Federation, 2018

**Websites:**

- <http://www.britishkendoassociation.com/> - British Kendo Association
- [http://ejmas.com/jnc/jncart\\_taylor\\_0900.htm](http://ejmas.com/jnc/jncart_taylor_0900.htm) - A Brief History of ZNKR Jodo by Kim Taylor
- <http://www.fej.ch/> - European Jodo Federation