



BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION JODO SUMMER SEMINAR 2026 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.

Answers for the grading should be received no later than the Saturday 25th July 2026.

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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. Name the principle Jo kamae used in Seitei Jodo.
2. During the Kihon for Kuritsuke, Kurihanashi and Tai-atari, what position are the hands at on the Jo when the Jo is raised above the head?
3. Describe two safety checks for your own person before starting jodo training
4. Who was the founder of Shinto Muso Ryu Jo(jutsu)?
5. Which famous swordsman was said to have been defeated by the founder of jojutsu?

Sandan and Yondan

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

1. Explain how Hissage-no-kamae should be constructed at the beginning of kata 3.
2. Name four of the kamae taken by the Uchidachi in Seitei Jodo.
3. Explain the two kiai used in jodo and when they should be used.
4. What is the name given to the first set of koryu kata?
5. What are the effects of learning Jodo?

Godan

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

1. Describe in detail the action of Shijo and Uchidachi when performing Kuritsuke in the Sotai Dosa.
2. Explain the relationship between the tandoku dosa and the kata
3. What are the grading points for the Shijo in kata 10 Seigan?
4. List in order the names of the kata in the Chuden koryu series
5. What is the purpose of kiai?

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 - A Brief History of ZNKR Jodo by Kim Taylor
- <http://www.fej.ch/> - European Jodo Federation