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**DAN GRADING EXAMINATION QUESTIONS - JANUARY 2007**

The following questions are set for the 2007 AKR National Dan Gradings to be held in Hobart in January 2007. Could you please circulate these questions to your students for the Grading Applications and inform all applicants that a written (preferably typed) submission is to be submitted to the Grading Registrar prior to the examination commencement on the day of the grading (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January). Each submission is to be less than one A4 page when typed. **Both** questions are to be answered for each grade level.

**Iaido Examination Questions:**

- Shodan:        a.        State the purpose of learning iaido.  
                  b.        State the safety checks on an Iaito.
- Nidan:         a.        Give a brief summary of the term "Metsuke".  
                  b.        Give an explanation of "Zanshin".
- Sandan:        a.        What are the important points of "Nukitsuke"?  
                  b.        Describe the relationship of iaido to kendo.
- Yondan:        a.        Explain the matter of respiratory control (kokyu) in iaido?  
                  b.        Explain "furi-kabori".
- Godan:         a.        Explain the three ways of loosening one's sword slightly from the Saya (koiguchi o kiru)?  
                  b.        Explain "Ki-ken-tai-itchi" in iaido.

**Jodo Examination Questions:**

- Shodan:        a.        State the purpose of learning Jodo.  
                  b.        Explain the advantage of the Jo over the Katana.
- Nidan:         a.        Give a brief summary of the term "Ma-ai" as it is applied in Jodo.  
                  b.        Give an explanation of "Zanshin".
- Sandan:        a.        What are the important points for beginners instruction  
                  b.        Explain the use of "Metsuke" in Jodo.
- Yondan:        a.        List key procedures and warning advice necessary to the safe practise of Jodo  
                  b.        State the important points when holding the Jo in "Tsune-no-kamae".

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ramon Lawrence', written in black ink.

Ramon Lawrence  
Chairman, Australian Iaido & Jodo Boards  
2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2006.