

## Australian Kendo Renmei – Iaido Board

### 2010 WRITTEN EXAMINATION – IAIDO SHINSA QUESTIONS

**Applicant's Name (print legibly):**

**Regional Federation:**

**Dojo:**

**Birth date:**

**Age:**

Each applicant testing for Shodan and above is required to answer two of the test questions given for the rank they are testing for. Please answer them by typing/writing (clearly/legibly) in English. You may use the backside of this paper or a separate sheet. If using a separate sheet please insure the information above is on your answer sheet.

#### **Shodan candidates:**

- 1: Name, and briefly describe, the five basic on-guard postures (kamae) used in swordsmanship.
- 2: What is the purpose of chiburi?
- 3: List the names of all 12 All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido katas.
- 4: Explain what is meant by the term saya-biki. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.

#### **Nidan candidates:**

- 1: Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
- 2: Tsuki (thrusts) occur in five of the All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata. Name these kata, and identify their target areas.
- 3: Discuss the concept of zanshin. Describe its use in at least one All Japan Kendo Federation kata.
- 4: Explain the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.

#### **Sandan candidates:**

- 1: What is kirioroshi? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 2: Describe how to clean a sword (shinken and/or iaito).
- 3: How should the left hand function while drawing the sword?
- 4: Describe the action of furikaburi in All Japan Kendo Federation kata Ipponme (Mae).

#### **Yondan candidates:**

- 1: Write what you know about kokyu (breath control) in Iaido.
- 2: What is meant by jo-ha-kyu? Describe its application in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
- 3: Is it important, or is it not important to participate in Iaido Competitions? Explain your rationale.
- 4: Discuss reiho: What does the word mean, why is it important in the dojo?

#### **Godan candidates:**

- 1: Discuss reiho: What does the word mean, why is it important in the dojo?
- 2: Discuss metsuke.
- 3: Name the 2 sitting postures used in Iaido. Describe how to sit in each, and how to get up.
- 4: What is important when teaching Iaido to beginners?

