



## Possible questions for the theoretical part of a kyū-examination

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### A. Etiquette & technical terms

1. Name the two translations the word “naginata” can have.
2. Name the numbers from 1 to 5 in Japanese!
3. Name the numbers from 6 to 10 in Japanese!
4. Name at least three parts of the blade of a shiai-naginata!
5. Name at least three parts of the shaft of a shiai-naginata!
6. Name all 5 ashi sabaki!
7. In which orientation do you put down a naginata at the wall of the dōjō?
8. What does “dōjō” mean?
9. What does “taisō” mean?
10. What does “sempai” mean?
11. What does “kohai” mean?
12. What does “sensei” mean?
13. What does “reihō” mean?
14. How do you say “thank you” in Japanese?
15. How do you say “please” in Japanese?
16. What is “shiai”?
17. What is “engi”?
18. What are the names of the three traditional pieces of clothing worn in Naginata?
19. What does “shūgo” mean?
20. What does “shōmen” mean?
21. What does “kōtai” mean?
22. What does “sōtai” mean?

### B. Security rules & competition regulations

1. Name all 5 pieces of armor! (excluding tenugui)
2. Name all 5 kamae!
3. Name all 5 happō buri!
4. An engi team is named after which team member?
5. What does “sambonshōbu” mean?
6. What does “hikiwake” mean?
7. What does “wakare” mean?
8. What does “hantei” mean?
9. What does “hansoku” mean?
10. What does “hajime” mean?

11. What does “yame” mean?
12. What does “enchō” mean?
13. What does “nyūjō” mean?
14. What is the angular range for striking soku men?
15. What is the minimum weight of a naginata in order to be admitted to competition?
16. What is the length range of a naginata in order to be admitted to competition?
17. How long is the sendanmaki and how is its length distributed among ebu and habu?
18. Name all datotsubui!
19. What are the names of the three members of a team?
20. Name the first 5 shikake-ōji forms in Japanese!
21. Name at least three incidences followed by hansoku!
22. What does “shiaijō” mean?
23. What does “shimpan” mean?

### **C. Tradition & history**

1. Who were the “sōhei”?
2. Name one koryū naginatajutsu!
3. How come, Naginata in Japan, nowadays, is exercised mainly by women?
4. In which centuries could the naginata frequently be encountered on the battlefield?
5. Why has the naginata lost its role as a widely-used polearm on the battlefield?
6. Name one famous historical person associated with using a naginata!
7. How many forms of the federation kata are there?
8. How many forms of shikake-ōji are there?
9. In which decade was Naginata of the ZNNR defined?
10. What does ZNNR mean?
11. Since when (decade) is Naginata regularly practiced in Europe?
12. Name one difference between an authentic naginata blade and the blade of a tachi or katana!
13. Name one major difference between koryū naginatajutsu in general and the Naginata propagated by the ZNNR!
14. Name one of the established theories of the origin of the naginata!
15. What does “shōgō” mean?
16. How many dan-grades are there in naginata?
17. What is the highest title awarded in naginata?
18. What does “shikake waza” mean?
19. What does “ōji waza” mean?