Grading syllabus for 8th kup (yellow belt)

Basics

Right leg back and guard – reverse punch on the spot with kihap (4 times) then switch legs and repeat.

Line work

Backwards - twin outer forearm block

Forwards – front kick double punch landing in walking stance

Backwards – L-stance inwards moving block (as in 3-step no 3)

Forwards – turning kick landing in L-stance with guarding block

Backwards –L-stance forearm guarding block

Patterns

Pattern - Chon-ji Pattern - Dan gun

Set Sparring

Adults 3 step sparring no's 1-4 Juniors no's 1-2

Theory

Theory for your 8th Kup grading typically consists of 3 questions relating to the training that you have done so far

THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS ARE:-

What is the meaning of your pattern? (Dan Gun is named after the Holy Dan Gun, legendary founder of Korea in the year 2333b.c.)

How many movements does it have? (21)

What part of the foot do you use for a front kick? (The same question is often asked for Turning Kick) (Ball of the foot – Ap Kumchi in Korean)

What is a guarding block, and what is its purpose? (Show a guarding block then explain how it gets you in position to defend yourself or launch a counter-attack)

Who are the founder members of the UKTKD? (Mr Martin Wadlow, Mr Seamus Kinney)

Remember that these are just examples of questions you might be asked at a grading; a student should have a good knowledge of their theory before going to grade.

Junior theory questions

For the juniors, depending on age and ability, we tend to make the theory questions much easier.

THE MOST COMMON JUNIOR QUESTIONS ARE:-

What is the name of your pattern and how many movements does it have?

Why do we learn 3 step Sparring? (Focus, distance and timing) (Good to have a real opponent rather than an imaginary one as with your pattern)

What's your favourite part of Tae Kwon-Do? (Choose from: Sparring/patterns/pad work/self defence/getting fit?)

Show me what part of the foot you'd use for a Turning Kick (Ball of the foot)