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# What Is the October Introductory Exam?

*Along with faith and practice, Buddhist study provides practitioners with a fundamental source of energy and strength to overcome all obstacles, move forward in life and be victorious. SGI-USA has initiated the October Introductory Exam in 2010 as part of a new study program. It is an opportunity for members to deepen their understanding and study of Nichiren Buddhism.*

*The Introductory Exam will be conducted at the district level in a format similar to the Buddhist Learning Review held each year since 2005. One major difference is that the exam will be collected and graded. Participants will each be given an electronically readable answer sheet on which to record their answers; they will then be asked to turn in their answer sheets to facilitators at each location.*

## **Features of the Introductory Exam:**

### **Who can take the Introductory Exam?**

All SGI-USA members can participate in 2010. Those who pass the exam this year will be eligible to take the Essentials Exam in April 2011. Those who do not pass the exam can take the Introductory Exam in October 2011.

### **What do we need to study to prepare?**

All materials for the Introductory Exam are included in this *2010 Introductory Exam Study Guide*. The materials are also posted

on the *sgi-usa.org* website. (Note: All the materials have appeared previously in SGI-USA publications; however, some changes have been made; therefore, please use this study guide to prepare for the exam.)

### **What is the format?**

It is a multiple-choice exam consisting of 20 questions.

### **Can the Introductory Exam be taken in other languages?**

Yes. Please contact your respective language-group coordinators for more information.