



10 Excellent
9 Very Good
8 Good
7 Fairly Good
6 Satisfactory
5 Sufficient

4 Insufficient
3 Fairly Bad
2 Bad
1 Very Bad
0 Not Executed

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Preparatory A (2013) ©

Effective 1/1/13

Arena size 60m x 20m or 40m x 20m Test Time 3:45 Minutes (from entry at A to final halt)
Suggested Draw Time – 6:00 minutes

Bridle No.				
Judge Position				
Section / Division				

Purpose: To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage. To show understanding of riding the horse forward with a steady tempo into an elastic contact with independent, steady hands and a correctly balanced seat. To show proper geometry of figures in the arena with correct bend (corners and circles)

Instructions: To be ridden in an ordinary snaffle. Transitions into and out of the halt may be made through the walk. All trot work is sitting or rising. Riders are urged to read Section 11 - Notes for Competitors in the EA rule book.

Event _____ Horse _____ Horse | Pony (circle)

Rider _____ Open | YR | JNR (circle)

TEST			DIRECTIVE IDEAS	Judge's Marks	Total	REMARKS
1.	A D C	Enter in medium walk Working trot Track right	Straightness on centreline; willing and balanced transition; clear walk and trot rhythm; balance and bend in turn			
2.	B E	Turn right Track left	Balance and bend in turns; clear trot rhythm			
3.	A AF	Circle left 20m diameter in working trot Working trot	Roundness and size of circle; clear trot rhythm and bend			
4.	F	Transition to medium walk	Willing and balanced transition; clear walk rhythm			
5.	FB	Medium walk	Willing and balanced clear walk rhythm			
6.	BH	Change rein in free walk allowing the horse to lower and stretch out head and neck whilst maintaining contact	Complete freedom to stretch neck forward and downward; clear walk rhythm; straightness on diagonal; ground cover			
7.	Between HC C	Retake the reins and proceed in medium walk Working trot	Willing and balanced transition; clear walk and trot rhythm; bend in corner			
8.	CMBF	Working trot	Clear trot rhythm; straightness			
9.	A AK	Circle right 20m diameter in working trot Working trot	Roundness and size of circle; clear trot rhythm and bend			
10.	KXM	Change rein	Straightness on diagonal; clear trot rhythm			
11.	E B	Turn left Track right	Balance and bend in turns; clear trot rhythm			
12.	A Before X	Down centreline Medium walk	Bend in turn; straightness on centreline; willing and balanced transition to walk; clear walk rhythm			
13.	X	Halt-Immobility-Salute	Straightness in halt; willing and balanced transition to halt			

Leave arena in walk on long rein at A

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COLLECTIVE MARKS

Paces (freedom and regularity)				1		
Impulsion (desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps relaxation of the back and engagement of the quarters)				1		
Submission (attention and confidence; harmony, lightness and ease of the movements; acceptance of the bridle)				2		
Rider's position and seat, correctness and effect of the aids				2		
TOTAL MARKS			190	X		Date:
Penalties – Minus 2		Reason:		Minus Total Penalties		
Course Errors (Cumulative)	1 st -2	2 nd - 4 (= -6)	3 rd Elimination	Minus Total Errors		Judge's Name (Print):
FINAL MARK						
PERCENTAGE						Judge's Signature: