

2011 Intro Level Test A - Gaited

No: _____

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).

Conditions: Arena: standard or small. Average time: 5:00 minutes (std) or 4:00 (sm) (Possibly longer for schooling shows)

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	Test	Directive Ideas	Points	↓	Total	Remarks:
1 A Between X & C	Enter medium walk, Working walk	Straightness on centerline and in transition. Clear Med. walk and Working walk rhythm.				
2 C M	Track right. Medium walk	Balance and bend in turn. Quality of transition.				
3 A	Circle right 20 meters, med. walk	Roundness and size of circle, clear med. walk rhythm and bend				
4 KXM	Change rein	Clear flatwalk rhythm and Straightness on diagonal. Bend through corners.				
5 C	Circle left 20 meters, med. walk	Roundness and size of circle, clear med. walk rhythm and bend				
6 Between C & H	Working walk	Willing and balanced transition; clear walk rhythm.				
7 HXF	Free walk	Complete freedom to stretch neck forward and downward; clear walk rhythm. Straightness on the diagonal. Ground cover.				
8 F-A A	Working walk Down Centerline	Willing and balanced transition; clear walk rhythm, bending in corner and turn. Straightness on centerline.				
9 X	Halt and salute	Straightness in halt, willing and balanced transition and halt.				

Leave arena in free walk. Exit at A.

COLLECTIVE MARKS:

GAITS: Freedom and regularity.		1		
IMPULSION: Desire to move forward with suppleness of the back and steady tempo.		1		
SUBMISSION: Acceptance of steady contact, attention and confidence.		2		
RIDER'S POSITION: Keeping in balance with horse.		1		
RIDER'S EFFECTIVENESS OF AIDS: correct bend and preparation of transitions.		1		
GEOMETRY and ACCURACY: correct size and shape of circles and turns.		1		

Further Remarks:

Subtotal: _____

Errors: (-) _____

Total Points: _____

÷ 160 Pts = % Score: _____