

2019 Western Dressage - Connection Level Test 3

Connection Level: <i>Tests incorporate movements that develop connection as energy from the hindquarters travels through the back & to the bit</i>			►Rhythm, Relaxation, Steady Tempo ►Consistent Bend and Balance ►Straightness, Engagement, & Impulsion are developing ►Energy flows from engaged hindquarters through a supple back to a soft, steady connection to rider's hand	
NEW MANEUVERS: 10m jog, backing 4-6 steps, lengthen lope, leg yield				
Arena and Set up: Dressage court 20m x 40m or 20m x 60m				
	TEST		DIRECTIVES	Coeff
1	A X	Enter working jog Halt, salute	Straightness on centerline. Willing and smooth transitions. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gaits	1
2	X	Back 4-6 steps, proceed working jog	Straightness, willing and accurate footfalls. Willing, smooth, balanced transitions, quality of	2
3	C	Track right working jog	Bend and balance in turns. Quality of gait	1
4	B	Circle right 10m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
5	Q2 QK-H	Down quarterline Leg yield left	Accurate footfalls, balance and straightness in leg-yield	2
6	H	Working lope right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
7	M-B-F Btw F&A	Lengthen stride in lope Working lope	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
8	A	Circle right 15m working lope	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
9	Btw A&K Btw K&E	Working jog Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transitions. Quality of gait	1
10	E-M M	Free walk Working walk	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2
11	C	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
12	E	Circle left 10m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
13	Q1 QF-M	Down quarterline Leg yield right	Accurate footfalls, balance and straightness in leg-yield	2
14	M	Working lope left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
15	H-E-K K	Lengthen stride in lope Working lope	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
16	A	Circle left 15m working lope	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
17	Btw A&F	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
18	B	Circle left 20m free jog, before B gather reins	Quality of stretch, accuracy of circle. Willing and smooth transitions	2
19	B-E	Half circle left 20m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
20	E-X	Half circle left 10m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
21	X G	Down centerline Halt, salute	Straightness on centerline. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gait	1
COLLECTIVE MARKS				Coeff
GAITS (purity, quality, elasticity, and regularity of tempo and rhythm)				1
SUPPLENESS & RELAXATION (looseness, flexibility, softness and balance)				2
RESPONSIVENESS, ATTENTIVENESS & HARMONY (the horse's willingness to receive the rider's aids)				2
RIDER - position (balance, position and independence of seat and legs)				2
RIDER - use and position of HANDS (quality of connection, lightness)				2
ACCURACY (geometry, timing, execution of transitions)				2