

2019 Western Dressage - Connection Level Test 5

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: shoulder-fore, one loop counter-lope, 3 loop serpentine					
Arena and Set up: Dressage court 20m x 40m or 20m x 60m					
	TEST			DIRECTIVES	Coeff
1	A X	Enter working jog Halt, salute, proceed working jog	Straightness on centerline. Willing and smooth transitions. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gaits	1	
2	C	Track left working jog	Bend and balance in turns. Quality of gait	1	
3	E-B	Half circle left 20m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1	
4	B-M M	Shoulder-fore Proceed working jog	Bend, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2	
5	C-A	3 loop serpentine working jog	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	1	
6	B	Working lope left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
7	H-K	One loop 5m off track working lope maintaining left lead	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	2	
8	A	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
9	FXH	Change rein free jog, before H gather reins	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2	
10	B-E	Half circle right 20m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1	
11	E-H H	Shoulder-fore Proceed working jog	Bend, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2	
12	C-A	3 Loop serpentine working jog	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	1	
13	Btw A&K	Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
14	KXH H	Change rein free walk Working walk	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2	
15	C	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
16	B	Working lope right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
17	K-H	One loop 5m off track working lope maintaining left lead	Accuracy, bend & balance. Quality of gait	2	
18	C	Halt through the jog, stand for 4 seconds, proceed working jog	Willing, square, immobile halt. Relaxation and patience. Quality of gaits	1	
19	B-X X	Half circle left 10m working jog Down centerline	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1	
20	G	Halt, back 4-6 steps, halt and salute	Willing, square, immobile halts. Willing and accurate footfalls	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