

## THEORY EXAM SAMPLE/PRACTICE QUESTIONS – ELEMENTARY LEVEL

The following practice questions have been developed by the Equestrian Australian Dressage Judges Committee (EADJC) and it is hoped that these will assist upgrading judges in their preparation for the theory exam.

### General Information Applicable to all Levels:

- You need to gain at least 80% to be classed as 'competent'
- Theory exam duration is 2.5 hours
- The theory exam is split into sections:
  - Section 1 – Rules – Multiple choice questions – there are usually 10 of these questions. No practice questions included in this document – similar to the questions asked in the G level ORBT and the re-accreditation ORBT
  - Section 2 – Rules and Event Structure – Short Answer questions
  - Section 3 – Judging Theory Questions
  - Section 4 – Freestyle Questions – Applicable E level and above
  - Each question will be numbered and will note the number of points the questions is worth

### SAMPLE/PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

If a horse shows irregularity only in lateral movements will this affect your mark in

- a) the movement concerned
- b) the collectives, and if so which collective

In the movement "halt, rein back 3-4 steps" - if the horse stops and immediately reins back how will this affect your mark?

In a medium trot if the horse breaks into canter for several strides how will this affect your mark?

Describe a good travers

If a horse maintains the walk rhythm during turn on haunches but it is too large how will this affect your mark?

How many steps of walk do we expect to see in a simple change?

What is the angle in the shoulder in?

Describe the term 'bend'

What points influence you final mark in the collectives for 'Rider'?

What points do you consider when allocating the collective mark for 'Paces'?

Describe self carriage

What is meant by the term:

- a) a straight horse
- b) when is a horse considered "straight" on a curved line or corner

A rider asks for a transition from walk to right lead canter at A. The horse does an obedient transition but to left lead canter. The rider then circles away, returns to walk and asks again at A, this time achieving the correct lead.

- a) is this considered an error or course?
- b) what mark would you be considering, and why?