

THEORY EXAM SAMPLE/PRACTICE QUESTIONS – NOVICE 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

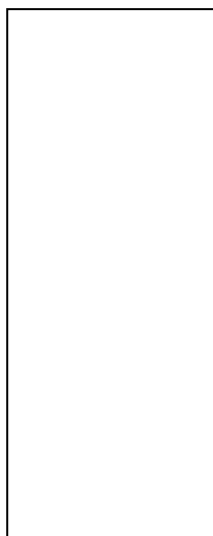
SAMPLE/PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

If you are the C judge:

- a) are you required to check and sign off on the competition results?
- b) What action should you take if you think there has been an error in the adding of a test? (i.e. you thought the test was about 65% and the scores show 75%)

Dressage Arena set up - On the diagram below

- a) Please show all the arena letters, inc the ones on the CL
- b) On the same diagram, Indicate the distances for all the letters on the long side from each other and the corners
- c) what are the dimensions of an arena?



What action would you take if upon checking your arena, prior to the commencement of the competition you notice that

- a) some letters have been placed incorrectly?
- b) the entrance at A appears to be 5m wide?
- c) there is a big rabbit hole about a metre out from one of the long sides?

The Training Scale-

- a) How many components make up the training scale?
- b) Describe which of the training scale components are the most relevant to Prelim and Novice horses?
- c) How much collection do you expect to see at Novice level?

Describe self carriage?

What is meant by the term

- a) a straight horse'?
- b) can a horse be straight on a curved line/corner?

Describe the ideal frame/outline for a well trained novice horse?

What does a well performed stretchy circle in trot tell you about a horses training?

Outline four details you would like to see in order to give a high mark for 'lengthen trot'?

During a prelim test a horse/pony jumps out the end of the long side. What action do you take?

On a 15m circle in left canter a horse/pony executes a flying change of lead, the rider recognises the change and changes the horse back to the correct lead and continues the test. What mark would you give the circle?

- a) Suggest three reasons why a horse would be tilted at the poll?
- b) How would this affect your mark for the movements concerned
- c) Would the collectives be effected? If so advise
 - a) Which collective/s
 - b) and why?

You see a horse clearly irregular as it comes up the centre line, after halt and salute it trots on and turns at C, it is still irregular. What is you course of action?

What action will you take if a horse is irregular only on corners and circles to the right?