

2015 USEF Third Level Test 1

Purpose: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and having begun to develop an uphill balance at Second Level, now demonstrates increased engagement, especially in the extended gaits. Transitions between collected, medium and extended gaits should be well defined and performed with engagement. The horse should be reliably on the bit and show a greater degree of straightness, bending, suppleness, throughness, balance and self carriage than at Second Level.

Introduce: Extended gaits; half pass at trot; single flying change.
 READER PLEASE NOTE: Anything in parentheses should not be read.

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CONDITIONS:

Arena: Standard
 Average Ride Time: 6:00
 (from entry at A to final halt)
 Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes
 Maximum Possible Points: 330
 Double Bridle Optional

		TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEAS
1	A X	Enter collected trot Halt, salute Proceed collected trot	Engagement, self carriage and quality of trot; well defined transitions; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds)
2	C S-V	Track left Shoulder-in left	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and self carriage
3	V-L L-H	Half circle left 10m Half pass left	Shape and size of half circle; alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and self carriage
4	R-P	Shoulder-in right	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and self carriage
5	P-L L-M	Half circle right 10m Half pass right	Shape and size of half circle; alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and self carriage
6	HXF F	Medium trot Collected trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions
7	A	Halt, rein back 4 steps Proceed medium walk	Straight, immobile halt; willing, straight steps with correct count; clear transitions
8 *	K-R R	Change rein, extended walk Medium walk	Regularity; suppleness of back; activity; overtrack; freedom of shoulder; stretching to the bit; clear transitions
9 *	M Between G & H	Turn left Shorten stride, half turn on haunches left Proceed medium walk	Regularity and quality of walk; activity of hind legs; bend and fluency
10 *	Between G & M H	Shorten stride, half turn on haunches right Proceed medium walk Track right	Regularity and quality of walk; activity of hind legs; bend and fluency
11		(Medium walk) RMG(H)G(M)GHC	Regularity and quality of the walk
12	Before C C	Shorten the stride in walk Collected canter right lead	Well defined transition; regularity and self carriage; engagement and quality of canter

13	M-F F	Medium canter Collected canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions
14	V	Circle right 10m	Shape and size of circle; bend; engagement and self carriage
15	V-R	Change rein, flying change between centerline and R	Clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying change; engagement and self carriage
16	H-K K	Extended canter Collected canter	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame; elasticity, engagement, suspension, straightness and uphill balance
17		(Transitions H and K)	Well defined maintaining tempo and balance
18	P	Circle left 10m	Shape and size of circle; bend; engagement and self carriage
19	P-S	Change rein, flying change between centerline and S	Clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying change; engagement and self carriage
20	C	Collected trot	Well defined, balanced transition; engagement and collection
21	MXK K	Extended trot Collected trot	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame; elasticity, engagement, suspension, straightness and uphill balance
22		(Transitions M and K)	Well defined maintaining tempo and balance
23	A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend in turn; engagement, self carriage and quality of trot; well defined transition; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds)
<i>Leave arena at A in free walk</i>			

* **Movements 8,9,10 have coefficients of 2**

