

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE
INTRODUCTION TO DRESSAGE TEST A (Walk only)
(With or without leader)

The scale of marks is as follows:

10 Excellent	4 Insufficient
9 Very good	3 Fairly bad
8 Good	2 Bad
7 Fairly good	1 Very bad
6 Satisfactory	0 Not preformed
5 Sufficient	

Arena: 20m x 40m
Printed on white paper

Allow 8 minutes between tests

THE TEST			MAX. MARKS	DIRECTIVE IDEAS
1	A X	Enter in medium walk Halt, salute, proceed in medium walk	10	The straight of the entry and on the centre line. The steadiness and immobility of the halt. The move off
2	C E	Track left Turn left	10	The shape and balance of the turns. The regularity and activity of the walk
3	X	Halt. Immobility 6 seconds Proceed in medium walk	10	The steadiness and immobility of the halt. The willingness and straightness in the move off
4	B FAK	Track right Medium walk	10	The bend and balance in the turns and corners. The regularity and unhurried activity of the walk
5	KH	Free walk	10	Ability to lengthen stride and top line
6	HC CM	Transition to medium walk Medium walk	10	The smoothness of the transition The bend and shape of the corners
7	B X	Turn right Halt. Immobility 6 seconds Proceed in medium walk	10	The accuracy The immobility, squareness and steadiness in the halt. The straightness and willingness in the move off
8	E A X	Track left Down centre line Halt. Salute. Leave arena in free walk at A	10	The balance and bend The accuracy of the turn, bend and balance The straightness and immobility
9		Freedom, regularity and activity of the walk. Obedience, suppleness and acceptance of the bridge	10	The regularity, activity and freedom of the walk The willingness, obedience and acceptance of the bit. The suppleness
10		Use of arena and accuracy	10	The ability to ride to markers and shape turns
11		Rider's influence and balance	10 x 4 0.5 of a mark may be used	The effectiveness, harmony and quietness of the aids.
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To be ridden in a snaffle bridle

If led, the leader should have minimum influence on the pony or rider. The amount of influence will be reflected in the marks. One mark will be deducted from the movement score on each occasion that the leader is seen to influence the horse/pony. The leader should lead from the inside, changing sides in front of the pony at the halt movement.