



ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH RIDING SCHOOLS

PROGRESSIVE RIDER TESTS

A to E SYLLABI

Equitation Test A

The rider's horse/pony must be prepared beforehand.

Riders may be assisted with mounting, girths and stirrups may be adjusted for them. The riders may be led.

1. Rider's position at the halt.
2. Know and apply the aids for walk.
3. Ride with a leader on the track at walk.
4. Know and apply the aids for halt.
5. Dismount (rider may be assisted).
6. Know 3 parts of the saddle and bridle.
7. Rider's position, balance and application of the aids.
8. How the rider made a partnership/rapport with the pony.

Equitation Test B

The rider's horse/pony must be prepared beforehand.

1. Rider to lead pony to the mounting block and mount with assistance.
2. Ride without a leader on the track at walk.
3. Know and apply the aids for turning left and right.
4. Know and apply the aids for trot.
5. Sitting trot on the track, with a leader if necessary.
6. Know and apply the aids to walk from trot.
7. Dismount, run up the stirrups and hold the pony.
8. Rider's position, balance and application of aids.
9. How the rider made a partnership/rapport with the pony.

Equitation Test C

The rider's horse/pony must be prepared beforehand.

1. Rider to be able to mount with a mounting block (with minimum assistance).
2. Rider to check girth and stirrups whilst mounted.
3. Rider to be able to ride on his or her own at walk.
4. Rider to be able to ride rising and sitting trot on his or her own.
5. Dismount, run up stirrups and prepare to lead in hand.
6. Rider to lead in hand.
7. Rider's position, balance and application of aids.
8. How the rider made a partnership/rapport with the pony.

Equitation Test D

The rider's horse/pony must be prepared beforehand.

1. Rider to be able to collect a tacked up pony from a stable.
2. Rider to be able to check the girth and length of stirrups from the ground.
3. Rider to mount from the ground or with a mounting block.
4. Rider to be able to ride a figure of eight in walk and trot.
5. Rider to be able to make changes of rein in trot.
6. Rider to be able to take the pony back to the stable and leave safe and comfortable.
7. Rider's position, balance and application of the aids.
8. How the rider made a partnership/rapport with the pony.

Equitation Test E

1. Rider to catch a pony from a stable.
2. Rider to tack a pony up with a saddle and snaffle bridle.
3. Rider to lead a pony from a stable and mount.
4. Rider to walk and trot with changes of rein.
5. Rider to be able to demonstrate canter strides on both reins.
6. Rider to lead a pony back to a stable and un-tack.
7. Rider's position, balance and application of the aids.
8. How the rider made a partnership/rapport with the pony.