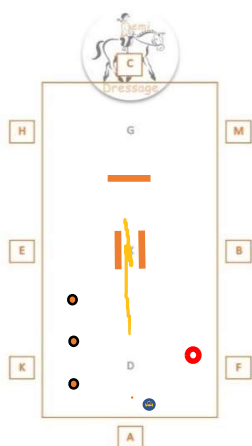


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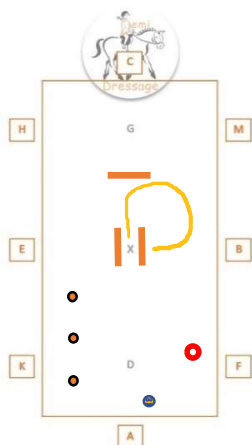


1. Enter down the centre line in walk, through the pole channel. Halt in the centre of the pole channel and back up 2-3 steps

Max marks 10.

Straightness on entry, through pole channel, halt and straight steps backing up

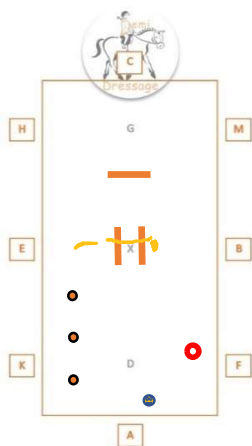
Obedience and softness of halt and backing up steps



2. Continue in walk out of the pole channel on the centre line. Before the single pole, turn right and loop back round to the pole channel.

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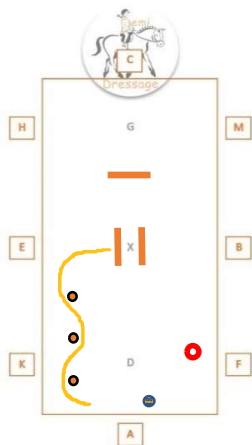
Straightness on the centre line, smoothness of turn and even loop back to the pole channel.



3. Halt the pony before the first pole. Handler to continue over both poles. Pony to remain halted whilst handler stops and turns to face pony. Handler then to invite pony to step over the poles to re-join them before continuing in walk together.

Max marks 10.

Obedience and softness of halt. Pony staying in halt until invited to cross the poles.



4. Continue in walk to slalom (3 or 5 cones) Slalom through the cones, starting on the furthest/right hand side of the first one.

Max marks 10.

Smooth even loops through the slalom, pony showing relaxation, suppleness and obedience.

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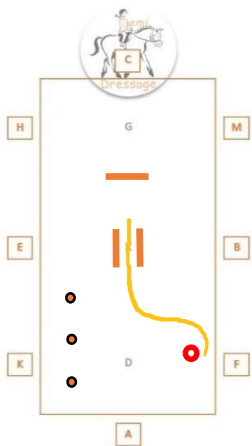
5. Halt by object* on the floor near A. Handler to pick object up and continue in walk to bucket near F. Drop object in bucket.

*Object can be anything! A baton, ball, toy etc

Max marks 10

Obedience of pony in halt, remaining still while handler bends to pick up item.

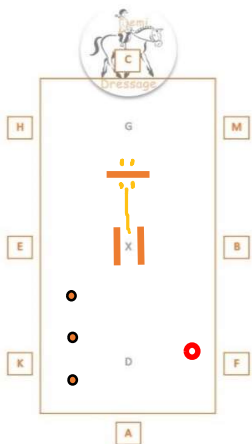
Accuracy of dropping item in bucket.



6. Loop back from bucket to centre line and walk through pole channel.

Max marks 10.

Smoothness of turn and even loop back to pole channel. Straightness on centre line before entering pole channel.



7. Continue on the centre line to the single pole. At the pole, halt the pony over the pole (front legs over the pole, back legs not) and salute! Pat your pony to finish <3

Max marks 20.

10 marks for the straightness, accuracy and obedience of the halt over the pole.

10 marks for immobility in the halt and salute.

Collectives:

Pony's manners and obedience: Max marks 10x 2 (20)

Use of the Space/Accuracy: 10x 2 (20)

Relationship and Harmony of Partnership: 10x 2 (20)

Arena Layout Plan for Groundwork Test

Please note this test does NOT have to be performed in a 20x40m arena - any space/shape will do, just lay the items out as indicated on the plan below.

