



BRONZE PROFICIENCY TEST



Candidates must have been Vaulting for at least two years and the test can be taken in their home group.

VAULTING:

1. Mount from canter to basic seat with assistance if necessary
2. In canter on left rein:
 - Flair
 - Princes Kneel
 - Mill
 - Forward Swings
 - Taylor Seat
 - Sit forwards on the neck
3. In walk on left rein:
 - Foot in outside stirrup and Arabesque
 - Shoulder Stand
 - Sit backwards on the neck
 - Flair backwards on the neck
 - Backwards Press Up hands on back of pad
 - Backwards Swings
4. Backwards stand
5. Arabesque on back with one hand off
6. On right rein in canter:
 - Basic seat arms out
 - Bench
 - Legs over and back
7. Dismount over the tail

HORSE CARE:

1. Name and either demonstrate or explain all items used in a standard grooming kit and give reasons for grooming.
2. Demonstrate or explain the essential care of saddlery, including the taking apart, cleaning and reassembling of tack.
3. Explain how and when to feed hay, including the quantity (weight)
4. Explain the reasons for using different types of bedding. Demonstrate or explain how to muck out and lay a bed.
5. Describe the characteristics of five of these native breeds:
EXMOOR, DARTMOOR, SHETLAND, NEW FOREST, CONNEMARA, FELL, DALE, HIGHLAND and WELSH.
6. Be able to describe a pony/horse:
COLOUR, SEX, MARKINGS, HEIGHT and TYPE
7. Identify parts of the tack. Those in Grades 1, 2, 3 plus:
CAVESSON and FLASH, EGBUTT SNAFFLE, JOINTED SNAFFLE and FRENCH LINK SNAFFLE.

PASS MARKS:

Vaulting 75%, Horse Care 70%.

Examinations by RDA approved examiner not working with the Group.

Candidates may take either Vaulting and/or Horse Care and will receive a RDA certificate and badge for each section passed.

Further information is available on our website www.rda.org.uk and is held by the Group Organiser, County and Regional Instructors.

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