



SKILLS PROGRAMME

GRADE TWO

(Arm and leg movements, including the use of apparatus, may be requested in any section)

(REVISED: July 2013)

FREE EXERCISES

1.	Arm Positions: Sideways Oblique Up Sideways Oblique Down Forward Oblique Up Forward Oblique Down Arms Folded in Front Arms Folded Behind Hands Clasped Overhead	 2. Leg and Feet Positions: Knee Raise Side Leg Raise Squat – arms slightly in front of the body, spine Step Forward Step Backward Toe Point with Fondu - Forward - Side - Backward Retiré – toes of the lifted foot placed to the the supporting knee 	
3.	Bends: Forward – Half Forward Trunk Bend Commence in Side Step with arms Neck Rest Side Bend (to L or R) Commence in Side Step with hands Clasped Overhead Back Trunk Bend Commence in Forward Toe Point with arms Neck Rest	4. Floorwork: Legs Astride Sit with forward bend over each leg, hands under Supine Lie - Leg Raises - single - double – through bent knees - straddle – through bent knees Prone lie - single leg raises	er instep

Set Exercise: MUSIC TRACK 1

1	-	2	$m{L}$ forward toe point on fondu, arms sideways obliquely down
3	-	4	L step back both arms side ways obliquely up
5	-	6	R side toe point arms folded in front
7	-	8	Circle arms downward to neck rest and <i>R</i> leg lifted to retiré
9	-	10	R side leg raise with arms forward raise
11	-	12	R side lunge, arms side raise
13	-	14	Turn to the R side L single kneel with arms forward raise
15	-	16	Sit back onto L leg and open to straddle/legs astride arms extended to the floor behind the
			body
1	-	2	Forward bend over the <i>L</i> leg
3	-	4	Recover
5	-	6	Close to long sit
7	-	8	Supine lie with <i>R</i> leg raise
9	-	12	Recover through single kneel facing the front with R leg extended to the side, arms side raise
13	-	14	R single kneel forward, arms folded behind
15	-	16	Recover to attention

ROD EXERCISES

1. Under Grip:	2. Top Grip:
Side Oblique Twist - up	Forward Raise
- down	Upward Stretch
Forward Oblique Twist - up	Forward Raise Twist
- down	Arms Folded in Front
Forward Strike (to be executed from a twist as	
requested)	
Side Raise Twist with Neck Rest	

Set Exercise: MUSIC TRACK 2 R forward toe point, R slide/flash to side oblique twist up 3 4 R side lunge L side oblique twist down 5 6 Recover to R side toe point and L side raise twist with curve overhead 7 Face the L side bringing feet to attention, forward strike obliquely down 8 9 10 Turn by your L to face the back with L side step, rod forward raise L side lunge, R side raise twist with neck rest 11 12 Turn by L face R side with L forward toe point, upward stretch 13 14 Close to attention facing the side with rod across legs 15 16 1 2 Face front L forward toe point, L forward oblique twist up 3 4 Attention with rod forward raise 5 6 **R** forward toe point with **R** forward oblique twist down 7 8 Recover to attention, rod across legs 9 10 L single flash, L side toe point L single flash, L side retiré 11 - 12 L side leg raise with L side raise twist 13 - 14

CLUB SWINGING

- 16

Attention

1.	Inward: Leg Swing Double Fold at Side Raise Overhead Wrist Swing Chest Swing Front to Back Turning	2.	Inward (facing side) Forward Raise Swing Body Swing to Front
3.	Outward Overhead Wrist Swing Chest Swing Front to Back Turning	4.	Outward (facing side) Forward Raise Swing Body Swing to Front
5.	Parallel: (L& R directions) Side Raise Swing Front to Back Turning Back Swing		Parallel: (L&R directions) -facing forward side Single Wrist Cross Parallel: (L&R directions) -facing backward side Full Circle -alternating with forward raise swing Single Wrist Cross Double Fold
9.	Side Windmill (L&R directions) Back Swing Front to Back Turning Side Windmill (L&R directions) –facing forward side Double Fold	10	Outward Windmill Full Circle Head Swing Side Raise Swing Double Fold at Side Raise (Facing the side) Forward Raise Swing
11	. Inward windmill Full circle Head Swing Side Raise Swing		

CLUB SWINGING (contd) Set Exercises: MUSIC TRACK 3

On the 4 bar introduction -

- 1 2 Wait standing at attention with the clubs along the arms
- 3 4 Side step to the left and swing the clubs inward to upward stretch

Parallel - to L Side:

1	-	2	Full circle into side raise swing
3	-	5	Face forward side and double fold
6			Forward raise swing
7	-	8	Face front, and back swing
9			Face backward side, forward raise swing
10	-	11	Alternate full circle (L arm) with forward raise swing (R hand) then (R arm/L hand)
12	-	14	Double fold
15			Face front, circle to leg swing
16			Finish at upward stretch

Outward Windmill:

1			Full circle (Commencing with <i>R</i> hand)
2			Head swing
3			Full circle
4			Side raise swing
5	-	6	Double fold
7	_	8	Circle to head swing and upward streto

Inward windmill

1	Full circle (Commencing with <i>R</i> hand)
2	Head swing
3	Full circle
4	Side raise swing
5	Full circle
6	Head swing
7	Full circle
8	Upward stretch

FIGURE MARCHING

Identify in Set Exercise:

Marking Time with Head Turns Marking Time Moving Forward Forward Step to Attention About Turn with Forward Step

Set Exercise: MUSIC TRACK 4

(Commence centre back facing front).

- 1 8 Marking time moving forward with head turn every 2 beats i.e. *L* head turn 1, head to front 3, *R* head turn 5, head to front 7
- 9 11 Turn by **L** march forward swinging the arms
- 12 16 Corner turn to face upstage and march forward with arm swinging, close **R** foot to attention facing the back
- 1 2 *L* side step
- 3 4 L side step and half turn by L to face the front
- 5 6 **R** side step
- 7 8 R side step closing to attention
- 9 11 Forward march with arm swinging and
- About turn with forward step to face the back
- 13 14 Forward march with arm swinging
- 15 16 L forward step to attention facing the back

AESTHETIC

Expression is required in set choreography

Arm Positions: 1st Arabesque alignment 2nd Arabesque alignment Demi bras	2. Leg and Feet Positions: 4 th position 4 th crossed 5 th position
3. Identify in Set Choreography: Chassé to side Demi-plié Low arabesque Low développé Classical kneel Curtsey	NOTE: DEVANT — Term used to describe a position in which the working leg is placed in front of the other foot or in front of the body. DERRIÈRE — Term used to describe a position in which the working leg is placed behind the other foot or behind the body

AESTHETIC

Set Choreography: MUSIC TRACK 5

Introduction

Commence facing front with tip of the L foot behind (derrière) the supporting R leg in curtsey position (Classical pose)

Lift and place **L** foot behind (derrière) **R** and rise on demi-pointe in 5th - **R** foot in front (devant) Lower heels to 5th

- 1 2 **R** foot Chassé forward (devant)
- 3 4 L toe point back (derrière)
- 5 6 Lower *L* foot in demi-plié 4th crossed
- 7 8 Recover to **R** toe point forward (devant)

Close feet in 3rd *R foot* in front (devant)

- 9 12 Chassé to **R**, **L** side toe point Close to 3rd **L** foot (devant)
- 13 16 Chassé to *L*, *R* side toe point Close to 3rd *R* foot in front (devant)

Coda

1 - 8 Facing front rise on demi-pointe

¼ turn to face **R** downstage cnr slightly lifting **R** leg forward (devant) with well extended **R** foot 4 quick walks forward to downstage **R** corner finishing in 5th on demi-pointe **R** in front (devant)

- 1 2 Chassé forward (devant) with **R** foot facing downstage **R** corner
- 3 4 Recover to **L** toe point back (derrière)
- 5 6 Lift **L** leg into low arabesque
- 8 Bring L leg from arabesque with a low développé on fondu forward (devant) and finish in 5th on demi-pointe
 L foot in front (devant)
- 9 12 Travelling by the **L**, 8 runs in a semi circle to centre stage finishing facing front 5th on demi-pointe **R** in front (devant)
- 13 14 Step to the **R** taking **L** leg into classical kneel facing downstage **L** corner weight slightly forward over knee

Arms commence low 2nd and softly lower to Preparation

Arms 1st, 5th

Arms 2nd to Preparation

Arms 1st

Arms 4th L arm overhead

1/4 head turn to downstage **L** corner

Arms 2nd

Arms 4th [Circle **R** arm thru Prep] ¹/₄ Head turn to downstage **R** cnr.

Arms 2nd to Preparation

Arms 1st to 2nd
Arms Preparation
Arms 1st to 2nd
Arms Preparation

Arms 1st position

Open arms to 2nd position with ½ head turn to look to the front

Arms lower & rise through soft low 2nd

Arms 2nd arabesque

Arms 1st arabesque [thru 1st]

Arms 1st Arms 5th

Arms opening to low 2nd

R arm in low 2nd taking L hand to the L shoulder - fingers lightly touch the shoulder, ¼ turn of the head to look to R downstage corner

AESTHETIC (contd)

15 Recover to 5th on demi-pointe **R** foot in front (devant)

15 and Lowering from 5th on demi-pointe to stand on **R**16 Step to the **L** extending **R** foot to side toe point Place **R** foot behind (derrière) in curtsey position (Classical pose)

Dance mime –Rolling the hands forward whilst carrying the arms through 1st to 5th

Arms through 2nd to preparation **R** arm 1st to 2nd followed by

Execute a curtsey Arms in low 2nd
Recover from curtsey - extending *L* supporting leg Arms slowly lift

Arms slowly lift to 5th and finish with *L* hand framing *R* side of the face with palm facing away and *R* hand placed under *L* elbow (palm facing down) ¼ Head turn looking to downstage *L* cnr.

TURNOUT EXERCISE: MUSIC TRACK 6

Commence feet in 1st, facing L front corner, arms in preparation position

1-2	Chassé L foot to 4th (devant) through plié	Arms to 1st
3-4	Straighten legs	Arms to 2 nd arabesque
5-6	Rise in 4 th	Arms to 2 nd position
7-8	Lower heels	Arms to 1 st arabesque
9-10	Demi-plié	Arms preparation to 1st position
11-12	Straighten legs	Arms to 5 th position
13-14	L side toe point facing the front	Arms to 2 nd position
15-16	Close L foot to 1st turning to R corner	Arms preparation

THIS EXERCISE IS PERFORMED WITH VERY SLOW COUNTS. REPEAT TO OTHER SIDE.

DANCE

Expression is required in set choreography

1. Identify in Set Choreography::	Soutenu turn
Skipping backwards (foot passes through retiré)	Relevé in 5 th
Temps levé in attitude forward (devant)	Polka backwards

Arms low 2nd

Set Choreography:: MUSIC TRACK 7

Commence facing front with tip of the R foot behind

the supporting L leg in curtsey position (Classical pose)

1 - 8 Commencing R foot, 4 Polkas forward with low développé (devant) travelling to downstage R corner undulation of the arms

9 - 16 Commencing R foot, 4 Polkas backward taking the working leg through a retiré Same arm as leg presenting to 2^{nd} with head following arm

8 Commencing *R* foot, 4 Polkas forward with low développé (devant) travelling to downstage *L* corner undulation of the arms
 14 Commencing *R* foot, 6 Skips backward, slightly elevated with knees turned out passing through retiré

15 - 16 Facing the front **R** side step, **L** leg behind (derrière) in curtsey Arms low 2nd

position execute a dainty but quick curtsey

1 - 8 Coupé

3 Spring points forward (devant) *R, L, R,* pause

3 Spring points forward (devant) *L, R, L,* pause

Arms 2nd

9 - 10 **L** step to 2nd temps levé in attitude forward (devant) **R** leg
Arms 4th **L** arm up
11 - 12 Galop to **R**Arms 2nd
Arms 4th **R** arm up

15 - 16 Galop to **L** Arms 2nd

1 - 8 3 Spring points forward (devant) *R*, *L*, *R*, pause Arms 2nd 3 Spring points forward (devant) *L*, *R*, *L*, pause

9 - 10 **L** step to 2nd temps levé in attitude forward (devant) **R** leg
Arms 4th **L** arm up
11 - 12 Galop to **R**Arms 2nd
Arms 2nd
Arms 4th **R** arm up
15 - 16 Galop to **L**Arms 2nd
Arms 2nd
Arms 2nd
Arms 2nd

Coda

1 - 4 Step to **L** soutenu turn finishing facing front **L** foot in front (devant)

5 - 12 8 Petit jetés commencing with jump onto **R** foot
Finish facing **R** downstage corner with relevé in 5th **L** foot
in front (devant)

Arms 5th
Arms Preparation **R** arm in 5th **L** hand on the hip

The following will be assessed throughout the exam:

- Musical Appreciation
- Style and Presentation
- Knowledge of Syllabus and Terminology

Candidate is expected to have a working knowledge of ALL movements from previous syllabi