

SKILLS PROGRAMME

GRADE TWO

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

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FIGURE MARCH

Identify in Set Exercise:	
Marking Time with Head Turns	Forward Step to Attention
Marking Time Moving Forward	About Turn with Forward Step
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Set Exercise:

(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
- 12 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

FREE EXERCISES

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

Set Exercise:

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

1	-	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	-	8	Face the <i>L</i> side bringing feet to attention, forward strike obliquely down
9	-	10	Turn by your <i>L</i> to face the back with <i>L</i> side step, rod forward raise
11	-	12	L side lunge, R side raise twist with neck rest
13	-	14	Turn by L face R side with L forward toe point, upward stretch
15			Close to attention facing the side with rod across legs
16			Face front
1	-	2	Face front L forward toe point, L forward oblique twist up
1 3	-	2 4	Face front \boldsymbol{L} forward toe point, \boldsymbol{L} forward oblique twist up Attention with rod forward raise
1 3 5			·
	-	4	Attention with rod forward raise
5	-	4 6	Attention with rod forward raise **R forward toe point with **R forward oblique twist down**
5 7	- - -	4 6 8	Attention with rod forward raise **R forward toe point with **R forward oblique twist down Recover to attention, rod across legs
5 7 9	- - -	4 6 8 10	Attention with rod forward raise **R forward toe point with **R forward oblique twist down Recover to attention, rod across legs **L single flash, **L side toe point**
5 7 9 11	- - -	4 6 8 10 12	Attention with rod forward raise **R forward toe point with **R forward oblique twist down Recover to attention, rod across legs **L single flash, **L side toe point **L single flash, **L side retiré
5 7 9 11 13	- - -	4 6 8 10 12	Attention with rod forward raise R forward toe point with R forward oblique twist down Recover to attention, rod across legs L single flash, L side toe point L single flash, L side retiré L side leg raise with L side raise twist

CLUB SWINGING

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1.	Inward: Leg Swing	2.	Inward (facing side) Forward Raise Swing
	Double Fold at Side Raise		Body Swing to Front
	Overhead Wrist Swing		, ,
	Chest Swing		
	Front to Back Turning		
3.	Outward	4.	Outward (facing side)
	Overhead Wrist Swing		Forward Raise Swing
	Chest Swing		Body Swing to Front
	Front to Back Turning		· ·
5.	Parallel: (L& R directions)	6.	Parallel: (L&R directions) -facing forward side
	Side Raise Swing		Single Wrist Cross
	Front to Back Turning	7.	Parallel: (L&R directions) -facing backward side
	Back Swing		Full Circle -alternating with forward raise swing
	-		Single Wrist Cross
			Double Fold
8.	Side Windmill (L&R directions)	10	. Outward Windmill
	Back Swing		Full Circle
	Front to Back Turning		Head Swing
9.	Side Windmill (L&R directions) –facing forward side		Side Raise Swing
	Double Fold		Double Fold at Side Raise
			(Facing the side) Forward Raise Swing
11.	. Inward windmill		
	Full circle		
	Head Swing		
	Side Raise Swing		

Set Exercises:

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	۱ - ۱	to <i>L</i> Side	•
1 -	-	2	Full circle into side raise swing
3 -	_	5	Face forward side and double fold
		Ū	Forward raise swing
6 7 -	_	8	Face front, and back swing
9		Ü	Face backward side, forward raise swing
	_	11	Alternate full circle (<i>L</i> arm) with forward raise swing (<i>R</i> hand) then (<i>R</i> arm/ <i>L</i> hand)
		14	Double fold
15		• •	Face front, circle to leg swing
16			Finish at upward stretch
	d١	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 stretch
Inward v	wi	<u>ndmill</u>	
1			Full circle (Commencing with R hand)
2			Head swing
3			Full circle
4			Side raise swing
5			Full circle
6			Head swing
7			Full circle
8			Upward stretch

TURNOUT EXERCISE:

Expression is required in set choreography

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

1-2	Chassé <i>L</i> foot to 4 th (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.

AESTHETIC

Expression is required in set choreography

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

Set Choreography:

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	Commence facing front with tip of the <i>L</i> foot behind (derrière) the supporting <i>R</i> leg in curtsey position (Classical pose)	Arms commence low 2 nd and softly lower to Preparation
	Lift and place <i>L</i> foot behind (derrière) <i>R</i> and rise on demi-pointe in 5 th - <i>R</i> foot in front (devant)	Arms 1 st , 5 th
	Lower heels to 5 th	Arms 2 nd to Preparation
1	R foot Chassé forward (devant)	Arms 1 st
2	L toe point back (derrière)	Arms 4 th L arm overhead
		1/4 head turn to downstage L
		corner
3	Lower <i>L</i> foot in demi-plié 4 th crossed	Arms 2 nd
4	Recover to R toe point forward (devant)	Arms 4 th [Circle R arm thru Prep]
		1/4 Head turn to downstage R cnr.
5	Close feet in 3 rd R foot in front (devant)	Arms 2 nd to Preparation
6	Chassé to R , L side toe point	Arms 1 st to 2 nd and ½ head turn
		To downstage <i>L</i> corner on side toepoint
7	Close to 3 rd L foot (devant)	Arms Preparation
8	Chassé to L, R side toe point	Arms 1 st to 2 nd and ½ head turn to
		downstage R corner on side
		toepoint
9	Close to 3 rd R foot in front (devant)	Arms Preparation

AESTHETIC (cont'd..)

Coda 10 - 11	Facing front rise on demi-pointe ½ 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 5 th on demi-pointe R in front (devant)	Arms 1 st position Open arms to 2 nd position with ½ head turn to look to the front
12 -	Chassé forward (devant) with R foot facing downstage R corner	Arms lower & rise through soft low 2 nd
13 14 – 15 16	Recover to <i>L</i> toe point back (derrière) Lift <i>L</i> leg into low arabesque Bring <i>L</i> leg from arabesque with a low développé on fondu forward (devant) and finish in 5 th on demi-pointe <i>L</i> foot in front (devant)	Arms 2 nd arabesque Arms 1 st arabesque [thru 1 st] Arms 1 st Arms 5 th
1 - 4	Travelling by the <i>L</i> , 8 runs in a semi circle to centre stage finishing facing front - 5 th on demi-pointe <i>R</i> in front (devant)	Arms opening to low 2 nd
5 - 6	Step to the R taking L leg into classical kneel facing downstage L corner - weight slightly forward over knee	R arm in low 2 nd taking L hand to the L shoulder - fingers lightly touch the shoulder, ¼ turn of the head to look to R downstage corner
7 - 8	Recover to 5 th on demi-pointe <i>R</i> foot in front (devant)	Dance mime –Rolling the hands forward whilst carrying the arms through 1st to 5th
1-2	Lowering from 5 th on demi-pointe step to the L extending R foot to side toe Point facing the front	Arms through 2 nd to preparation R arm 1 st to 2 nd followed by
3 – 4	Place R foot behind (derrière) in curtsey position (Classical pose)	<i>L</i> arm 1 st to 2 nd Eyes to follow hands
5 - 8	Execute a curtsey Recover from curtsey - extending <i>L</i> supporting leg	Arms in low 2 nd Arms slowly lift to 5 th and finish with <i>L</i> hand framing <i>R</i> side of the face with palm facing away and <i>R</i> hand placed under <i>L</i> elbow (palm facing down) ½ Head turn looking to downstage <i>L</i> cnr.

DANCE

Expression is required in set choreography

Identify in Set Choreography: note maybe performed parallel or turn out alignment

Releve into retire Heel Toe Pivot Small Jeté to the side Triplet Hip Push Forward Hip Lift With Side Step Drag to the side

DANCE (cont'd)

Set Choreography:

Commence facing front standing on left leg, right foot on the ball of the Arms right hand Hips Firm, L arm Side foot next to left foot, knee slightly relaxed Oblique Down with hand flexed up. 1-2 Step forward and across with right foot (Releve) Arms cross at chest and open L arm side into retire left leg raise R arm side oblique up 3 Step forward and across with left leg. Arms at Attention Heel Toe Pivot towards the right From Side Oblique Down, hands flexed up take the hands in and crossed in front and 6-7 Repeat return to Side Oblique Down Repeat Arms at Attention 8 Attention

1-2 Extend left leg to the side and pose into retiré right knee, turning head to the right, and recover with forward step right foot across.

Arms L Side Oblique Up, R Side Raise. Circle L arm across body to finish at Attention

Facing the side, step forward on left leg
 Facing the back, small jeté to the side finishing with left foot coupé behind

Arms crossed at chest Arms Side Oblique up with flexed hands

5 – 6 Recover by rising into fifth on demi point and turning by left shoulder to face the side, lower to attention.

Arms at Attention

7 – 8 Step forward on left leg, triplet (left, right, left) finishing with forward step on left foot in plie right foot relaxed on the ball of the foot behind, taking shoulder alignment to the front.
 Carry the eye and head alignment down towards your left hand.

Arms L arm to Upward Stretch then take it down along your body to extended downwards fingers spread, R arm Attention.

1 - 2 Repeat on other side – Step forward on right leg, triplet (right, left, right) finishing with forward step on right foot in plie left foot relaxed on the ball of the foot behind, taking shoulder alignment to the back.
 Carry the eye and head alignment down towards your right hand.

R arm take to Upward Stretch then take it down along body to extended downwards fingers spread, L arm attention.

3 – 4 Turn to face the front feet attention

Arms crossed chest

5 – 6 Step forward on left then take right foot forward onto the ball of the foot pushing right hip forward. (Hip Push Forward)

Arms Side Oblique Down Fingers Spread

 7 – 8 Turning by the left shoulder to face the back, repeat take right foot forward onto the ball of the foot pushing right hip forward. (Hip Push Forward) Arms Side Oblique Up Fingers Spread

1-2 Turn by left shoulder to face front bringing right foot together to attention position

Arms pass through crossed at chest to Hips Firm

3 – 4 Left foot step out to the left pushing the right foot onto the ball of Arms Hips Firm the foot and lifting the right hip up. (Hip lift with side step).
 Turn head to the right. Bring right foot into finish on the ball of the foot next to the left foot. Head returns to the front

5 – 6 Extend left foot out to the side, turn towards the left finishing on demi pointe facing the front

Arms commence in Side Raise taking the hands into gripped hands at chest

7 – 8 Extend left leg out to side and complete a drag to the side with right foot extended out to the side. Finish bringing the right foot in next to the left, right foot on the ball of the foot, knee slightly relaxed. Arms R arms Hips Firm taking L arm Side Oblique Up and finishing with L side Oblique Down with fingers flexed

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