



Specification

GRADED EXAMINATIONS IN DANCE: LEVEL 1 AWARDS **Grades 1-3**

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Examination Information and Rules & Regulations
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and on the RAD website: www.rad.org.uk.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Grades 1-3 constitute Level 1 of the RAD's Graded syllabus provision in the performance of Ballet and the related dance disciplines of Free Movement and Character. Following on from Primary in Dance, the knowledge and skills gained provide a basis for progression to subsequent Grades (4-8). They also constitute a preparation for RAD Vocational Graded examinations in Dance (Ballet), and for Graded and Vocational Graded examinations in a range of dance genres offered by other Awarding Organisations. Grades 1-3 are currently offered as an Examination and as a Presentation Class.
- 1.2 Further information about policies and procedures related to RAD Examinations, including rules and regulations, and information about accreditation and recognition, may be found in the document *Examination Information and Rules & Regulations*, available on request from the RAD Examinations Department and on the RAD website (www.rad.org.uk).

2 Syllabus Aims

- 2.1 The aims of the Graded syllabus qualifications are to:
- promote the study of ballet and related dance disciplines as a leisure and/or vocational activity;
 - provide a means of measuring the acquisition of technical, musical and performance skills in ballet and related dance disciplines;
 - promote and encourage enjoyment of movement as a form of physical exercise;
 - provide all candidates, particularly children and young people, with an opportunity of experiencing various dance disciplines accompanied by live music;
 - encourage personal self-confidence and group awareness through the experience of dancing solo, in partners and in small groups;
 - develop a general appreciation of music through dancing to various musical styles and rhythmic patterns;
 - motivate students by providing a series of clearly defined goals which have been structured to reflect the principles of safe dance practice;
 - provide teachers with a vehicle to measure the individual progress of their students.
- 2.2 A course of study based on these qualifications is intended to provide students with:
- an increasing ability to demonstrate practical knowledge of the dance disciplines of Ballet, Free Movement and Character;
 - a graduated measure of attainment against specific criteria;
 - increasing self-confidence through the learning, memorising and performing of prescribed sequences of movement, studies and dances;
 - an awareness and understanding of working with others;
 - an appreciation, through practical experience, of three contrasting dance disciplines with their accompanying music.

3 Learning objectives

- 3.1 A candidate who has successfully completed a course of study based on Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be able to:

Ballet

Technique

- demonstrate secure posture and correct weight placement;
- demonstrate the ability to move with co-ordination of the whole body;
- demonstrate well stretched legs and articulated footwork;
- demonstrate line through the body and the ability to shape arms;
- demonstrate an ability to perform movements with accurate alignment and use of space;
- demonstrate elevation with controlled landings.

Music

- perform with correct and accurate timing and appropriate response to the music.

Performance

- perform with expression and communication.

Free Movement

Technique

- perform simple steps with free flowing movement, use of space and co-ordination of the whole body showing an understanding of weight transference, use of gravity, suspension at the climax of a movement and controlled endings;
- demonstrate relaxation of upper back to project movements into space;
- demonstrate the ability to show simple lines through the whole body with and without turn from the waist;
- demonstrate elevation with spring off one leg and strong turn from the waist;
- demonstrate appropriate use of scarf or flag.

Music

- perform with correct and accurate timing and appropriate response to the music.

Performance

- perform with expression and communication.

Character

Technique

- perform simple steps showing firm hold of the body, upper back and head, correct arm and hand placement, use of fondu, use of space and articulated footwork relevant to the style.

Music

- perform with correct and accurate timing and appropriate response to the music;
- perform exercises to music with varied rhythmic structures.

Performance

- perform with expression and communication.

- 3.2 In progressing through these Level 1 qualifications, candidates are expected to demonstrate an increasing vocabulary of steps, and an increasing awareness and mastery of dance technique.

- 3.3 Within the range of the candidate's physical capacity, an understanding of technique is reflected in:

- the ability to co-ordinate simple movements to produce combinations of steps;
 - the quality of movement (i.e. precision and control) demonstrated.
- 3.4 Candidates are required to communicate an increasing confidence in performance. They should be able to interpret music and display a developing sensitivity to musical content and style. Candidates' performances should communicate a developing spatial awareness, an ability to work with others, and responsiveness to an audience.

4 Syllabus content

4.1 Graded examinations

- 4.1.1 Candidates will be examined at each Graded level through the performance of the prescribed examination content, all of which should be prepared except where choices are indicated. Examiners will request a selection of exercises.
- 4.1.2 Candidates are normally seen in groups of four; however if the total number being entered for any one grade is not divisible by four, smaller groups may be accepted. Candidates should be prepared to dance in any combination of groups, i.e. one, two, three or four at a time, at the request of the Examiner.

4.2 Presentation classes

- 4.2.1 Presentation Classes are not assessed, and are conducted by the teacher or an assistant, with the Examiner viewing the class. A maximum of eight candidates can be presented at any one time.
- 4.2.2 In order to allow for as much flexibility in teaching approach as possible, teachers may choose either of the following options, *provided that they do not exceed the maximum time specified on page 37 for the Presentation Class*:
- They may present exactly the same work as the corresponding examination syllabus, probably omitting certain exercises because of limitations of time; **or**
 - They may present a selection of exercises from the examination syllabus, plus a selection of those exercises which are specific to Presentation Classes (see sections 4.4 – 4.6 below).
- 4.2.3 The final choice of exercises is entirely at the discretion of the teacher, providing that the work is chosen from the three sections of the syllabus and no exercise is chosen from a different level. Studies and Character Dances may be presented if the teacher so wishes.

4.3 General

- 4.3.1 Detailed descriptions of the set exercises, studies and dances for each Grade are published in the relevant *Set Exercises, Studies and Dances* book, formerly known as the Syllabus (see Section 9 below - *Resources*) which may be purchased from RAD Enterprises Ltd. through mail order, personal shopping or from its website: www.radenterprises.co.uk .
- 4.3.2 Male and female candidates are examined together.
- 4.3.3 For more information about examination procedure, see *Examination Information and Rules & Regulations*, section 8.

4.4 GRADE 1

For the Examination, all exercises should be prepared.

Classical Exercises
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skip change of step Barre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise for feet with rises• Demi-pliés Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port de bras• Transfer of Weight• Battements Tendus with preparation for Grands Battements• Classical Walks - Male and Female separate exercises• Sautés• Sautés and Echappés Sautés• Spring Points and Petits Jetés• Skips and Pony Galops
Classical Study <i>to be performed as a solo (or, for Presentation Classes only, in pairs)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polka - Female• Hornpipe - Male
Free Movement Exercises
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise for Poise• Run and Pause with Rise• Swaying and Spinning
Rhythm and Character Steps <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhythm in 2/4 time• Rhythm in 3/4 time• Picked-up Runs
Character Dance <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style) to be performed in pairs on the same side or as a solo</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male and Female separate dances
Révérence

Optional Exercises for Presentation Class:

- Character Enchaînement

Props required: *small square scarf (Male or Female) or flag (Male) for Free Movement; handkerchief (Female) or sickle (Male) for Character Dance.*

4.5 GRADE 2

For the Examination, all exercises should be prepared, except that there is a choice of Classical or Free Movement Study.

<p>Classical Exercises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skip change of step and galops <p>Barre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pliés • Battements Tendus à la seconde and devant from 3rd position • Battements Tendus derrière • Exercise for Battements Fondus • Grands Battements devant • Rises <p>Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port de Bras • Battements Tendus with Transfer of Weight • Classical walks with or without Change of Direction - Male and Female separate exercises • Sautés • Echappés Sautés to 2nd and Changements – Male and Female separate exercises • Galops and Coupés with or without a Change of Direction
<p>Classical Study <i>(if chosen) to be performed as a solo (or, for Presentation Classes only, in pairs)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male and Female separate studies
<p>Free Movement Exercises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise for relaxation • Sways with arm circles • Step and hop forward and back
<p>Free Movement Study <i>(if chosen) to be performed as a solo (or, for Presentation Classes only, in pairs)</i></p>
<p>Rhythm and Character Steps <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhythm in 2/4 time • Rhythm in 3/4 time • Pas de Basques and Cifras in 3/4 time
<p>Character Dance <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style) to be performed in pairs on the same side or as a solo</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male and Female separate dances
<p>Révérence</p>

Optional Exercises for Presentation Class

- Battements tendus a la seconde and devant from 1st position
- Character Enchaînement

Props required: *cushion (Female), box and hammer (Male) and chairs for Character Dance*

4.6 GRADE 3

For the Examination, all exercises should be prepared, except that there is a choice of Classical or Free Movement Study.

Classical Exercises
<p>Barre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pliés • Battements Tendus • Battements Glissés • Ronds de jambe à terre • Battements fondus • Développés • Grands battements devant and à la seconde • Grands battements derrière <p>Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port de Bras – Male and Female separate exercises • Battements Tendus and Demi-Détournés • Classical Walks with Arabesque • Changements • Balancés de Côté – Male and Female separate exercises • Pas de Chat • Changements and Echappés Sautés – Male exercise only • Exercise for Grand Allegro
Classical Study <i>(if chosen) to be performed as a solo (or, for Presentation Classes only, in pairs)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male and Female separate studies
Free Movement Exercises
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise for relaxation • Triple runs • Step, hop & run
Free Movement Study <i>(if chosen) to be performed as a solo (or, for Presentation Classes only, in pairs)</i>
Rhythm and Character Steps <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhythm in 2/4 time • Rhythm in 3/4 time • Dotting steps • Hop steps
Character Dance <i>(based on Hungarian Peasant Style) to be performed in pairs on the same side or as a solo</i>
Révérence

Optional Exercises for Presentation Class:

- Pliés for Presentation Class
- Promenades
- Character Enchaînement

Props required: None

5 Definition of terms used in the markscheme

5.1 Classical Technique

Secure Posture	Secure use of torso incorporating turnout. (Refer to Page 8 of <i>The Foundations of Classical Ballet Technique</i>)
Correct Weight Placement	The body weight centred over one or two legs or transferring with ease from one to two legs and two to one leg sur place or in travelling movements.
Co-ordination of the whole body	The harmonious relationship of torso, limbs, head and eye focus in movement.
Accurate Alignment	The body facing the appropriate direction for the movement; the correct alignment of the limbs in relation to each other and the torso; travelling in the appropriate direction for the movement.
Use of Space	Effective use of the peripheral space and performance space appropriate to the movement.
Ability to show line through the body	The ability to create harmonious lines through the co-ordinated use of torso, limbs, head and eye focus.
Ability to shape arms	Ability to form the arms in the appropriate shape, according to the position.
Secure, Stretched Leg Extensions	Well held and stretched legs in extensions à terre and en l'air.
Elevation with controlled landings	Elevation with controlled landings appropriate to safe dance practice.
Articulated footwork	Articulated movements of the feet appropriate to the exercise.
Co-ordinated turning action	The ability to show co-ordinated use of legs, arms and head during a turning action. (Refer to Page 73 of <i>The Foundations of Classical Ballet Technique</i>)
Use of épaulement	The ability to show a rotary action in the upper torso, combined with the use of head and eye focus.

5.2 Free Movement Technique

Relaxation	The partial release of the muscles, mainly of the neck and upper back, either preceding or following certain movements.
Transference of weight	The ability to transfer the weight from two feet to one foot, one foot to two feet and one foot to the other.
Suspension	A slight hesitation at the climax of a movement.
Ability to show line through the body	A line which is created through the use of the body, limbs, head and eye focus, often with the body turned in opposition to the front leg.
Free flowing movement	A feeling of moving freely through space in travelling movements.
Elevation	The ability to jump off one leg, with the appropriate dynamics.
Use of gravity	A downward action assisted by gravity which gives weight to a movement.
Controlled endings	The ability to control the endings of exercises, sequences, Studies and Dances.

5.3 Character Technique

Definitions are either the same as for Classical Technique or the terms are considered to be self-explanatory.

5.4 Music

<i>Correct Timing</i>	The ability to synchronise the movement with the music on the correct beat.
<i>Responsiveness to the music</i>	The ability to demonstrate the appropriate movement dynamics, reflecting the quality, phrasing, atmosphere and rhythm of the music.
<i>Rhythmical Accuracy</i> <i>(Character section only)</i>	The ability to demonstrate rhythmic pattern of differing combinations of note values.

5.5 Performance

<i>Expression</i>	Expression reflected in face, body and movement.
<i>Communication</i>	Appropriate engagement with the audience.

6 How marks are awarded

6.1 Introduction

- 6.1.1 The assessment of the candidate's performance in each section of the examination is delivered via three interrelated domains of assessment - Technique, Music and Performance.
- 6.1.2 These domains of assessment are broken down into assessment criteria which are applied as appropriate to the various requirements of the examination. Except where indicated in the tables which follow, these criteria are applied to the full range of examination content for each section of the examination. (From Grade 2 onwards, the Study is assessed separately). They relate to the learning objectives outlined in 3.1 above and also to the learning outcomes specified in the units on which these qualifications are based.
- 6.1.3 Each assessment criterion comprises a number of interrelated elements, which increase in number as the examinations increase in level, thus increasing the demands placed on the candidate.
- 6.1.4 In the examination, the Examiner awards a mark of between 0 and 10 for each assessment criterion. A mark of 1 or higher signifies the standard attained by the candidate with respect to that criterion. A mark of 0 signifies that no work was shown for all or part of the section of the exam relating to that criterion. The tables in section 8.5 below (Attainment Descriptors) explain the level of mastery which the candidate needs to demonstrate in order to achieve these marks.

6.2 **Assessment criteria: Grade 1**

CLASSICAL SECTION		
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 1 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure posture Correct weight placement 	10	70
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 2 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordination of the whole body Accurate alignment Use of space Ability to shape arms 	10	
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 3 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure stretched leg extensions Elevation with controlled landings Articulated footwork 	10	
MUSIC (<i>Table B</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct timing Responsiveness to the music 	10	
PERFORMANCE (<i>Table C</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expression Communication 	10	
CLASSICAL STUDY * TECHNIQUE (<i>As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3</i>) (<i>Table A</i>) MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (<i>Table E</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct Timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10 10	
FREE MOVEMENT SECTION		
FREE MOVEMENT EXERCISES (<i>Table D</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation Transference of weight Suspension Ability to show line through the body Free-flowing movement Co-ordination of the whole body Use of space Use of gravity Controlled endings Use of scarf or flag Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10	10
CHARACTER SECTION		
RHYTHM AND CHARACTER EXERCISES (<i>Table D</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firm hold of body and upper back Confident carriage of head Correct arm and hand placement Articulated footwork Use of space Use of fondu Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Rhythmical accuracy Expression Communication 	10	10
CHARACTER DANCE (Technique, Music, Performance) (<i>Table D</i>) <i>As for Rhythm and Character Exercises, plus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate use of props Convincing mime 	10	10
TOTAL	100	100

*NB. The Classical Study is assessed separately from the rest of the Classical section.

6.3 Assessment criteria: Grade 2

CLASSICAL SECTION		
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 1 (Table A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure posture Correct weight placement 	10	50
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 2 (Table A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordination of the whole body Accurate alignment Use of space Ability to shape arms 	10	
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 3 (Table A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure stretched leg extensions Elevation with controlled landings Articulated footwork 	10	
MUSIC (Table B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct timing Responsiveness to the music 	10	
PERFORMANCE (Table C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expression Communication 	10	
FREE MOVEMENT SECTION		
FREE MOVEMENT EXERCISES (Table D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation Transference of weight Suspension Ability to show line through the body Free-flowing movement Co-ordination of the whole body Use of space Use of gravity Controlled endings Use of scarf or flag Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10	10
STUDY (Classical or Free Movement)*		
TECHNIQUE (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3 or Free Movement, elements 1-10) (Table A) Key feature for Classical Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps turning or travelling backwards 	10	20
MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (Table E) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct Timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10	
CHARACTER SECTION		
RHYTHM AND CHARACTER EXERCISES (Table D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firm hold of body and upper back Confident carriage of head Correct arm and hand placement Articulated footwork Use of space Use of fondu Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Rhythmical accuracy Expression Communication 	10	20
CHARACTER DANCE (Technique, Music, Performance) (Table D) <i>As for Rhythm and Character Exercises, plus:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate use of props Convincing mime 	10	
TOTAL	100	100

*NB. The Study is assessed separately from the rest of the Classical or Free movement sections.

6.4 **Assessment criteria: Grade 3**

CLASSICAL SECTION		
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 1 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure posture Correct weight placement 	10	50
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 2 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordination of the whole body Accurate alignment Use of space Ability to show line through the body 	10	
CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 3 (<i>Table A</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure stretched leg extensions Elevation with controlled landings Articulated footwork 	10	
MUSIC (<i>Table B</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct timing Responsiveness to the music 	10	
PERFORMANCE (<i>Table C</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expression Communication 	10	
FREE MOVEMENT SECTION		
FREE MOVEMENT EXERCISES (<i>Table D</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relaxation Transference of weight Suspension Ability to show line through the body Free-flowing movement Co-ordination of the whole body Use of space Use of gravity Controlled endings Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10	10
STUDY (Classical or Free Movement)*		
TECHNIQUE (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3 or Free Movement, elements 1-9) (<i>Table A</i>) Key feature for Classical Study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to demonstrate changes of direction (<i>male</i>: within strongly defined movements) 	10	20
MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (<i>Table E</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct Timing Responsiveness to the music Expression Communication 	10	
CHARACTER SECTION		
RHYTHM AND CHARACTER EXERCISES (<i>Table D</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firm hold of body and upper back Confident carriage of head Correct arm and hand placement Articulated footwork Use of space Use of fondu Use of épaulement Correct timing Responsiveness to the music Rhythmical accuracy Expression Communication 	10	20
CHARACTER DANCE <i>As for Rhythm and Character Exercises (Table D)</i>	10	
TOTAL	100	100

*NB. The Study is assessed separately from the rest of the Classical or Free movement sections.

6.5 Attainment descriptors

TABLE A - Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3; Technique for Classical and / or Free Movement Study	
0 marks	The work was not shown (wholly or partially).
1 – 3 marks	The candidate showed little awareness of many of the elements assessed.
4 marks	The candidate was able to demonstrate the elements assessed some of the time. Technique was often not well established.
5 – 6 marks	The candidate showed a fairly good ability to demonstrate the elements assessed, although some may be stronger than others. Technique was fairly well established.
7 – 8 marks	The candidate showed a generally good ability to demonstrate the elements assessed, although one or two may be less strong than others. Technique was mostly secure.
9 – 10 marks	The candidate was able to demonstrate the elements assessed almost all the time, although one or two may be less strong than others. Technique was secure.

TABLE B – Music (Classical)	
0 marks	The work was not shown (wholly or partially).
1 – 3 marks	The candidate was seldom in time with the music.
4 marks	The candidate was in time with the music for more than half the exercises but showed only occasional ability to respond to the music.
5 – 6 marks	The candidate was in time with the music for more than half the exercises and was able to respond to the music fairly well.
7 – 8 marks	The candidate was in time with the music for almost all the exercises and showed a generally good response to the music.
9 – 10 marks	The candidate was in time with the music for almost all the exercises and was able to respond to the music very well.

TABLE C – Performance (Classical)	
0 marks	The work was not shown (wholly or partially).
1 – 3 marks	The candidate showed little sense of performance, or appeared very unsure.
4 marks	The candidate occasionally showed a sense of performance.
5 – 6 marks	The candidate showed a fairly good sense of performance.
7 – 8 marks	The candidate showed a generally good sense of performance.
9 – 10 marks	The candidate showed a very good sense of performance.

TABLE D – All Free Movement and Character ‘exercises’; Character Dance	
0 marks	The work was not shown (wholly or partially).
1 – 3 marks	The candidate showed little awareness of many of the elements assessed.
4 marks	The candidate was able to demonstrate the elements assessed some of the time.
5 – 6 marks	The candidate showed a fairly good ability to demonstrate the elements assessed, although some may be stronger than others.
7 – 8 marks	The candidate showed a generally good ability to demonstrate the elements assessed, although one or two may be less strong than others.
9 – 10 marks	The candidate was able to demonstrate the elements assessed almost all the time, although one or two may be less strong than others.

TABLE E – All Free Movement and Character ‘exercises’; Character Dance	
0 marks	The work was not shown (wholly or partially).
1 – 3 marks	The candidate showed little awareness of music or performance.
4 marks	The candidate showed some musical awareness and sense of performance, although one element may be a little stronger than the other.
5 – 6 marks	The candidate showed a fairly good musical awareness and sense of performance, although one element may be a little stronger than the other.
7 – 8 marks	The candidate showed a good musical awareness and good sense of performance, although one element may be a little stronger than the other.
9 – 10 marks	The candidate showed a very good musical awareness and a real sense of performance.

7 Results and Certificates

- 7.1 In the examinations candidates receive both a final mark (expressed as a percentage) and a classification. There are three pass classifications: Pass, Merit and Distinction. Candidates who do not reach the required standard for award of a Pass will receive the result of Standard Not Attained. Each classification covers a band of marks, as follows:

Distinction	75% - 100%
Merit	55% - 74%
Pass	40% – 54%
Standard Not Attained	0% – 39%

- 7.2 There is no requirement to pass any specific section of the examination; the 40% marks required to pass may come from any section.
- 7.3 All candidates will receive a Result Form. In addition, Certificates, specifying the Grade, classification, and other qualification information, will be awarded to all successful candidates.

8 Music

- 8.1 The examination content must be danced to the official piano music or the official alternative piano music, which may be purchased from RAD Enterprises Ltd, through mail order, personal shopping or from the website www.radenterprises.co.uk.
- 8.2 The music must be played 'live' by an accompanist on a keyboard instrument; CDs may not be used in examinations or Presentation Classes. For further information about acceptable keyboard instruments, see *Examination Information and Rules & Regulations*, Section 6.3.

9 Resources

9.1 Props

The following props are required:

Level	Props
Grade 1	Small square scarf (Male or Female) or flag (Male) for Free Movement Handkerchief (Female) or sickle (Male) for Character Dance
Grade 2	Cushion (Female), box and hammer (Male) and chairs for Character Dance
Grade 3	None

9.2 Essential reading, playing and listening

Item	Description
Printed Book Code: 100NGS2	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grades 1-3
Printed Music Book Code: 200NGM2	January 2008 edition of the original music for the set exercises, studies and dances in Grades 1-3.
Printed Alternative Music Book Code: 200M1-3	This is a celebration of the ballet and musical traditions associated with the countries of the five founder members of the Royal Academy of Dance: Italy, France, Denmark, England and Russia. Volume 1, Grades 1-3 celebrates the ballet traditions of Italy, France and Denmark in a remarkable musical journey which brings the world of the theatre into the classroom. Inspiring and fun to dance to, this music also provides an education in dance repertoire and its music. The audio CD is packaged with <i>Music in Focus</i> , a 32-page guide book containing detailed information about each track, and short articles about musical topics relevant to the Graded syllabus music.
CD Code: 300CD1B	Music for Grades 1-3

Item	Description
DVD (set of 2) Pre-Primary to Grade 1 Code: 5055190400074	The original video, now on DVD on two discs. <i>(Includes the original Primary and Pre-Primary syllabi)</i>
DVD (set of 2) Grades 2 and 3 Code: 5055190400067	The original video, now on DVD on two discs.

9.3 Uniform

For full information about uniform, please see *Examination Information and Rules & Regulations*, Section 8.3.

FEMALE	MALE
Grades 1 and 2	
<p>Sleeveless or short sleeved scooped neck PCL leotard in White, Pale Pink, Pale Blue, Navy, Marine Blue, Lilac, or Lavender, with matching elasticated belt.</p> <p>Pink soft ballet shoes in satin, canvas or leather, with pink elastic.</p> <p>Option of short pink socks or pink nylon tights.</p>	<p>White short sleeved PCL leotard with Navy Lycra shorts with brown leather belt, approximately 1 inch in width. (or well fitting white T-shirt if leotard felt to be unsuitable). Tights may be worn instead of shorts.</p> <p>White ballet shoes in canvas or leather, with white elastic.</p> <p>Short white socks.</p>
Grade 3	
<p>Sleeveless or short sleeved scooped neck PCL leotard in Pale Pink, Pale Blue, Red, Mulberry, Fuchsia, Navy, Lavender, Burgundy or Dark Green, with matching elasticised belt.</p> <p>Pink soft ballet shoes in satin, canvas or leather with either pink elastic or pink ribbons.</p> <p>Option of pink nylon tights or short pink socks.</p> <p>Candidates may perform the Free Movement exercises and study in either ballet shoes or bare feet.</p>	<p>Short sleeved or sleeveless white PCL leotard (or well fitting white T-shirt if leotard felt to be unsuitable). Navy PCL or Lycra stirrup tights.</p> <p>White ballet shoes in canvas or leather with white elastic.</p> <p>Short white socks.</p> <p>Candidates may perform the Free Movement exercises and study in either ballet shoes or bare feet.</p>
Character Uniform	
<p>Character skirts should be in black cotton material, with braiding which complements the colour of the leotard, and either circular in style or gathered at the waist, although the former is preferable. The hem of the skirt should be approximately 3 inches below the knee.</p> <p>Character shoes must be worn from Grade 1 and should ideally be black canvas. These are available in two heel sizes - low heel in sizes 3 - 7 (including half sizes) and the Cuban in sizes 2 - 8 (including half sizes). The Cuban heel should ideally be worn from Grade 3 onwards.</p> <p>Standard black leather Character shoes are acceptable as an alternative. Other colours may be worn.</p> <p>Pink elastic should be worn across the arch.</p>	<p>The male uniform remains the same throughout all Examinations and Presentation Classes except for the shoes.</p> <p>Laced up Character shoes should be worn.</p>

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