



# **Specification**

## **GRADED EXAMINATIONS IN DANCE: LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATES Grades 6, 7 and 8 Award**

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*Examination Information and Rules & Regulations*  
available on request from the RAD Examinations Department  
and on the RAD website: [www.rad.org.uk](http://www.rad.org.uk).

# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Grades 6 – 8 Award constitute Level 3 of the RAD's Graded syllabus provision in the performance of Ballet and the related dance disciplines of Free Movement and Character. They follow on from Level 2 (Grades 4-5) and provide progression to further personal development, lifelong learning and further and higher education opportunities, as well as constituting a preparation for the RAD's Vocational Graded Syllabus, and Graded and Vocational Graded examinations in a range of dance genres offered by other dance Awarding Organisations. Grades 6 - 8 Award 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](http://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 6, 7 and 8 Award will be able to:

#### **Ballet**

##### ***Technique***

- demonstrate secure posture and correct weight placement in the performance of a wide range of more complex movements
- demonstrate an ability to perform a wide range of complex movements with co-ordination of the whole body, well stretched legs and articulated footwork
- demonstrate line through the body and use of épaulement
- demonstrate an ability to perform more complex movements with accurate alignment and use of space
- demonstrate well co-ordinated turning actions with correct use of supporting leg and placement of working leg
- demonstrate elevation with controlled landings in a wide range of more complex steps.

##### ***Music***

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

##### ***Performance***

- perform with expression and communication.

#### **Free Movement**

##### ***Technique***

- perform a wide variety of simple and complex steps with free flowing movement, use of space and co-ordination of the whole body, showing a secure understanding of weight transference, use of gravity, suspension at the climax of a movement and controlled endings
- demonstrate use of gravity and relaxation of upper back to project more complex movements into and through space
- demonstrate an ability to show a variety of lines through the whole body using a wide range of complex movements
- demonstrate varying heights of elevation with spring off one leg in more complex movements
- demonstrate proficient use of long scarf with flexibility of upper back using a wide range of complex movements

##### ***Music***

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

##### ***Performance***

- perform with expression and communication.

#### **Character**

##### ***Technique***

- perform a wide range of complex steps with firm hold of the body, upper back and head, accurate placement of the arms and hands, use of deep fondu, use of space and articulated footwork relevant to the style, use of épaulement

- demonstrate an ability to contrast differing qualities of movements and steps
- demonstrate a more complex co-ordinated turning action

#### **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 3 qualifications, candidates are expected to demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the vocabulary of a particular style through the wide range of movements performed with technical strength. Along with confidence, candidates will convey self-awareness, resulting in a sensitive personal responsiveness to the musical mood.

3.3 Candidates will demonstrate a mature awareness of audience as well as subtleties of performance combined with expression and fluidity of movement involving dynamics and use of space.

## **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. Grades 6 and 7 are conducted by the teacher or an assistant, with the Examiner viewing the class. Grade 8 Award is conducted by the Examiner.

4.2.2 A maximum of eight candidates for Grades 6-7, or four candidates for Grade 8 Award, can be presented at any one time.

4.2.3 For Grades 6-7 only, 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).

4.2.4 For Grades 6-7 only, 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.

4.2.5 For Grade 8 Award, the content of the Presentation Class is exactly the same as for the Examination.

### 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 13 below - *Resources*) which may be purchased from RAD Enterprises Ltd. through mail order, personal shopping or from its website: [www.radenterprises.co.uk](http://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 6

*For the examination, all exercises should be prepared, except that there is a choice of Classical, Free Movement or Character Dance.*

<b>Classical Exercises</b>
<p><b>Barre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pliés</li> <li>• Battements tendus and battements glissés</li> <li>• Ronds de jambe à terre and battements fondus</li> <li>• Battements frappés</li> <li>• Exercise for ronds de jambe en l'air with port de bras</li> <li>• Adage</li> <li>• Grands battements and battements en cloche</li> <li>• Demi-pointe enchaînement</li> </ul> <p><b>Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Port de bras or 2<sup>nd</sup> Port de bras</li> <li>• Pirouette en dehors</li> <li>• Pirouette en dedans</li> <li>• Adage study</li> <li>• Soubresauts and echappés sautés to 4<sup>th</sup> position</li> <li>• Pas de bourrées</li> <li>• Petit allegro</li> </ul>
<b>Waltz enchaînement:</b> <i>to be performed as a solo – candidate's choice of sides</i>
<b>Classical Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a solo</i>
<b>Free Movement Sequences</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise for upper back</li> <li>• Exercise for elevation and use of space</li> </ul>
<b>Free Movement Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a solo</i>
<b>Character Enchaînements (Polish)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polonaise</li> <li>• Polish Mazurka and Pas Marché</li> <li>• Krakoviak</li> </ul>
<b>Character Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a duet on opposite sides or as a solo</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polish Mazurka</li> </ul>
<b>Character Révérence</b>

**Optional Exercises for Presentation Class:** none

**Props required:** long silk scarf (female) or cloak (male) for Free Movement.

#### 4.5 GRADE 7

*For the examination, all exercises should be prepared, except that there is a choice of Classical, Free Movement or Character Dance.*

<b>Classical Exercises</b>
<p><b>Barre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pliés</li> <li>• Battements tendus and battements glissés</li> <li>• Ronds de jambe à terre and battements fondus</li> <li>• Battements frappés</li> <li>• Ronds de jambe en l'air</li> <li>• Adage study</li> <li>• Grands battements and battements en cloche</li> <li>• Coupé fouetté raccourci</li> </ul> <p><b>Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port de bras</li> <li>• Pirouette enchaînement</li> <li>• Adage</li> <li>• Petit allegro</li> <li>• Allegro</li> </ul>
<b>Grand Allegro:</b> <i>to be performed as a solo – candidate's choice of sides</i>
<b>Classical Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a solo</i>
<b>Free Movement Sequences</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study in stillness and gravity</li> <li>• Study for upper back</li> </ul>
<b>Free Movement Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a solo</i>
<b>Character Enchaînements (Hungarian Court)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letjö and promenades</li> <li>• Cabrioles and quick letjö</li> <li>• Retirés and pas de bourrées</li> </ul>
<b>Character Dance (if chosen):</b> <i>to be performed as a duet on opposite sides or as a solo</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Czardas</li> </ul>
<b>Character Révérence</b>

**Optional Exercises for Presentation Class:** none

**Props required:** long silk scarf (female) or cloak (male) for Free Movement.

#### 4.6 GRADE 8 AWARD

The Grade 8 Award develops solo performance as a culmination of the Graded Examination syllabus. Candidates are required to perform solos in the three styles of dance previously studied - Classical, Free Movement and Character - preceded by a short warm up barre.

*The first dance (Etude Lyrique) is compulsory, but in all other sections there is a choice of dance.*

<b>Classical Exercises</b>
<b>Barre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pliés</li><li>• Battements tendus and battements glissés</li><li>• Ronds de jambe à terre and battements fondus</li><li>• Battements frappés</li><li>• Adage</li><li>• Grands battements</li></ul>
<b>Entrée Polonaise</b>
<b>Classical Solos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Etude Lyrique</li><li>• Valse Printemps or Demi-Character</li></ul>
<b>Free Movement Solos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mouvement Libre Poétique or Mouvement Libre Dramatique</li></ul>
<b>Character Solos</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mazurka de Salon or Danse Russe</li></ul>
<b>Final Polonaise and Révérence</b>

**Props required:** long silk scarf (female) or cloak (male) for Free Movement; small handkerchief for Danse Russe

## 5 Definition of terms used in the markscheme

### 5.1 Classical Technique

<b>Secure Posture</b>	Secure use of torso incorporating turnout. (Refer to Page 8 of <i>The Foundations of Classical Ballet Technique</i> )
<b>Correct Weight Placement</b>	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.
<b>Co-ordination of the whole body</b>	The harmonious relationship of torso, limbs, head and eye focus in movement.
<b>Accurate Alignment</b>	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.
<b>Use of Space</b>	Effective use of the peripheral space and performance space appropriate to the movement.
<b>Ability to show line through the body</b>	The ability to create harmonious lines through the co-ordinated use of torso, limbs, head and eye focus.
<b>Ability to shape arms</b>	Ability to form the arms in the appropriate shape, according to the position.
<b>Secure, Stretched Leg Extensions</b>	Well held and stretched legs in extensions à terre and en l'air.
<b>Elevation with controlled landings</b>	Elevation with controlled landings appropriate to safe dance practice.
<b>Articulated footwork</b>	Articulated movements of the feet appropriate to the exercise.
<b>Co-ordinated turning action</b>	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> )
<b>Use of épaulement</b>	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

<b>Relaxation</b>	The partial release of the muscles, mainly of the neck and upper back, either preceding or following certain movements.
<b>Transference of weight</b>	The ability to transfer the weight from two feet to one foot, one foot to two feet and one foot to the other.
<b>Suspension</b>	A slight hesitation at the climax of a movement.
<b>Ability to show line through the body</b>	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.
<b>Free flowing movement</b>	A feeling of moving freely through space in travelling movements.
<b>Elevation</b>	The ability to jump off one leg, with the appropriate dynamics.
<b>Use of gravity</b>	A downward action assisted by gravity which gives weight to a movement.
<b>Controlled endings</b>	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

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

### 5.5 Performance

<b><i>Expression</i></b>	Expression reflected in face, body and movement.
<b><i>Communication</i></b>	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. 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 6**

<b>CLASSICAL SECTION</b>		
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 1</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure posture</li> <li>Correct weight placement</li> </ul>	10	60
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 2</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>Accurate alignment</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>Use of épaulement</li> </ul>	10	
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 3</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure stretched leg extensions</li> <li>Elevation with controlled landings</li> <li>Articulated footwork</li> </ul>	10	
<b>MUSIC</b> ( <i>Table B</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> </ul>	10	
<b>PERFORMANCE</b> ( <i>Table C</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	10	
<b>WALTZ ENCHAÎNEMENT</b> (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3, Music and Performance) ( <i>Table D</i> )	10	
<b>FREE MOVEMENT AND CHARACTER SECTIONS</b>		
<b>FREE MOVEMENT SEQUENCES</b> ( <i>Table D</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relaxation</li> <li>Transference of weight</li> <li>Suspension</li> <li>Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>Free-flowing movement</li> <li>Elevation</li> <li>Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>Use of upper back</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Use of gravity</li> <li>Controlled endings</li> <li>Use of scarf / cloak</li> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>CHARACTER ENCHAÎNEMENTS</b> ( <i>Table D</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firm hold of body and upper back</li> <li>Confident carriage of head</li> <li>Correct arm and hand placement</li> <li>Articulated footwork</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Use of fondu</li> <li>Use of épaulement</li> <li>Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Rhythmical accuracy</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	10	
<b>DANCE (Classical, Free Movement or Character)*</b>		
<b>TECHNIQUE</b> (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3 or Free Movement Sequences, elements 1-12 or Character Enchaînements, elements 1-10) ( <i>Table A</i> ) plus: <i>For Classical Dance:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balances sustained on demi-pointe, and speed of footwork with changes of direction</li> </ul> <i>For Free Movement Dance:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of spiral action in upper back, and clarity in spiralling floor patterns</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE</b> ( <i>Table E</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct Timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Rhythmical accuracy (Character only)</li> </ul>	10	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\*NB. The Dance is assessed separately from the rest of the Classical, Free Movement or Character sections.

### 6.3 Assessment criteria: Grade 7

<b>CLASSICAL SECTION</b>		
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 1</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure posture</li> <li>Correct weight placement</li> </ul>	10	60
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 2</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>Accurate alignment</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>Use of épaulement</li> </ul>	10	
<b>CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE 3</b> ( <i>Table A</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure stretched leg extensions</li> <li>Elevation with controlled landings</li> <li>Articulated footwork</li> </ul>	10	
<b>MUSIC</b> ( <i>Table B</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> </ul>	10	
<b>PERFORMANCE</b> ( <i>Table C</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Ability to incorporate the Romantic ballet style into exercises, where required</li> </ul>	10	
<b>GRAND ALLEGRO</b> (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3, Music and Performance) ( <i>Table D</i> )	10	
<b>FREE MOVEMENT AND CHARACTER SECTIONS</b>		
<b>FREE MOVEMENT SEQUENCES</b> ( <i>Table D</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relaxation</li> <li>Transference of weight</li> <li>Suspension</li> <li>Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>Free-flowing movement</li> <li>Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>Use of upper back</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Use of gravity</li> <li>Controlled endings</li> <li>Use of scarf / cloak</li> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>CHARACTER ENCHAÎNEMENTS</b> ( <i>Table D</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firm hold of body and upper back</li> <li>Confident carriage of head</li> <li>Correct arm and hand placement</li> <li>Articulated footwork</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Use of fondu</li> <li>Use of épaulement</li> <li>Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Rhythmical accuracy</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	10	
<b>DANCE (Classical, Free Movement or Character)*</b>		
<b>TECHNIQUE</b> (As for Classical Technique 1, 2 and 3 or Free Movement Sequences, elements 1-11 or Character Enchaînements, elements 1-8) ( <i>Table A</i> ) plus: <i>For Classical Dance:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elevation</li> <li>Lyrical flowing quality and clarity of port de bras, contrasted with precise footwork</li> </ul> <i>For Character Dance:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broad, expansive movements contrasted with neat, fast movements</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE</b> ( <i>Table E</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct Timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Rhythmical accuracy (Character only)</li> </ul>	10	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\*NB. The Dance is assessed separately from the rest of the Classical, Free movement or Character sections.

## 6.4 Assessment criteria: Grade 8 Award

Note: The Barre, the Entrée Polonaise and the Finale Polonaise are not marked. Candidates are required to pass each Dance in order to pass the examination as a whole.

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<b>TECHNIQUE (Table A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure posture</li> <li>• Correct weight placement</li> <li>• Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>• Accurate alignment</li> <li>• Use of space</li> <li>• Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>• Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>• Use of épaulement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure stretched leg extensions</li> <li>• Articulated footwork</li> </ul> <p><b>Key features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to show contrasts between light, quick movements and composure in the sustained passages</li> <li>• Fluid and lyrical movements</li> <li>• Suspension</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (Table E)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct timing</li> <li>• Responsiveness to the music</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>	10	
VALSE PRINTEMPS (female) or VALSE AUTOMNE (male) / DEMI-CARACTERE				
<b>TECHNIQUE (Table A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure posture</li> <li>• Correct weight placement</li> <li>• Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>• Accurate alignment</li> <li>• Use of space</li> <li>• Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>• Co-ordinated turning action</li> <li>• Use of épaulement</li> <li>• Secure stretched leg extensions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevation with controlled landings</li> <li>• Articulated footwork</li> </ul> <p><b>Key features for Valse printemps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light, springing and darting qualities</li> </ul> <p><b>Key features for Demi-Characteré:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed and agility retaining economy of movement</li> <li>• Rapid changes of direction</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (Table E)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct timing</li> <li>• Responsiveness to the music</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>	10	
MOUVEMENT LIBRE POETIQUE / MOUVEMENT LIBRE DRAMATIQUE				
<b>TECHNIQUE (Table A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relaxation</li> <li>• Transference of weight</li> <li>• Suspension</li> <li>• Ability to show line through the body</li> <li>• Free-flowing movement</li> <li>• Elevation</li> <li>• Co-ordination of the whole body</li> <li>• Use of upper back</li> <li>• Use of space</li> <li>• Use of gravity</li> <li>• Controlled endings</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of scarf / cloak</li> </ul> <p><b>Key features for Mouvement Libre Poétique:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to sustain and extend movements</li> <li>• Ability to show contrast of movement dynamics</li> </ul> <p><b>Key features for Mouvement Libre Dramatique:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to show contrast of movement dynamics</li> </ul>	10	20
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (Table E)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct Timing</li> <li>• Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>• Expression</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key features for Mouvement Libre Dramatique:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to show complex rhythmical structures throughout the fast moving and elevated passages</li> </ul>	10	

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MAZURKADE SALON / DANSE RUSSE				
<b>TECHNIQUE (Table A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Firm hold of body and upper back</li> <li>Confident carriage of head</li> <li>Correct arm and hand placement</li> <li>Articulated footwork</li> <li>Use of space</li> <li>Use of fondu</li> <li>Use of épaulement</li> <li>Co-ordinated turning action</li> </ul>		<b>Key features for Mazurka:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to sustain the movement dynamics throughout</li> </ul>	10	20
		<b>Key features for Danse Russe:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contained, smooth, gliding quality</li> <li>Delicate use of arms</li> </ul>		
<b>MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE (Table E)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct timing</li> <li>Responsiveness to the music</li> <li>Expression</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>		<b>Key features for Mazurka:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elegant and expressive Court style</li> </ul>	10	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>(scaled to 100)</b>	<b>80</b>
			<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>

## 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.

<b>TABLE C – Performance (Classical)</b>	
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.

<b>TABLE D – All Free Movement and Character ‘exercises’; Character Dance</b>	
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.

<b>TABLE E – All Free Movement and Character ‘exercises’; Character Dance</b>	
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 For Grades 6-7, 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 For Grade 8 Award, candidates are required to achieve a minimum of 40% (ie. 8 marks out of 20) for each dance in order to pass overall. (*Note: there is no requirement to pass both the Technique and the Music and Performance sections in order to pass the dance as a whole*). Candidates who achieve a mark of 40% or above but have not reached the pass mark in one or more of the dances, will receive a Standard Not Attained result.
- 17.4 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.
- 7.5 Successful candidates are eligible to apply for Affiliate Membership of the Royal Academy of Dance.

## 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](http://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 8.3.

## 9 Resources

### 9.1 Props

The following props are required:

Level	Props
Grade 6	Long silk scarf (female) or cloak (male) for Free Movement
Grade 7	Long silk scarf (female) for cloak (male) for Free Movement
Grade 8 Award	Long silk scarf (female) or cloak (male) for Free Movement Small handkerchief for Danse Russe

### 9.2 Essential reading, playing and listening

Item	Description
<b>Printed Book</b> Code: 100NGS6	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grade 6
<b>Printed Book</b> Code: 100NGS7	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grade 7 (Female)
<b>Printed Book</b> Code: 100NGS7M	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grade 7 (Male)

Item	Description
<b>Printed Book</b> Code: 100NGS8	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grade 8 Award (Female)
<b>Printed Book</b> Code: 5055190400159	Graded Examinations in Dance & Presentation Classes – Grade 8 Award (Male)
<b>Printed Music Book</b> Code: 5055190400111	Original music for the set exercises, studies and dances for Grade 6.
<b>Printed Music Book</b> Code: 200NGM7	Original music for the set exercises, studies and dances for Grade 7.
<b>Printed Music Book</b> Code: 5055190400166	Original music for the set exercises, studies and dances for Grade 8 Award.
<b>CD</b> Code: 5055190400012	CD of music for Grade 6 and Grade 7.
<b>CD</b> Code: 300CD2B	CD of music for Grade 8 Award.

### 9.3 Uniform

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

FEMALE	MALE
<p>Any classic style of leotard in Cotton Lycra in any colour, but in particular the following are recommended: black, navy blue, royal blue, lavender, red or mulberry.</p> <p>The skirt (worn after the barre work) should be in a soft, flimsy, lightweight material, such as georgette or chiffon and approximately mid-calf length, and in any colour. Circular skirts are the most flattering, but gathered at the waist is acceptable.</p> <p>A short skirt may also be worn for the barre work of Grade 8 Award exams, if candidates prefer.</p> <p>A light silk scarf of no more than 1m x 2m of any colour. The colour of the leotard, skirt and scarf should match or tone with each other.</p> <p>Pink soft satin, canvas or leather shoes with either elastic or ribbons. (Soft point shoes should not be worn, but split soles can be.)</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> <p>The 'cloak' for Free Movement is represented by a piece of light cotton material, similar in size and shape to the silk used by female candidates. It may be white or dyed any colour.</p>

FEMALE	MALE
<b>Character Uniform</b>	
<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. Laced up Character shoes should be worn.</p>

*All resources, including some props, are available from:*

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