

## Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing

## **CECCHETTI CLASSICAL BALLET GRADE 2 – 1, 2 and 3 candidates**

### **EXAMINATION FORMAT**

#### GENERAL IMPORTANT NOTES

- It is specified when exercises are to be danced together or shown in two groups. In the case of TWO groups, the facilitator should divide the set into the first 2 candidates (i.e., 1 and 2) and the second 2 candidates (i.e., 3 and 4). When working in TWO groups, the facilitator may occasionally rotate which candidates demonstrate first.
- The facilitator should consider the size of the studio and the need for all candidates to be seen clearly, and only adapt the stated groupings if absolutely essential.
- Each candidate should be introduced individually and their name and timetable number announced. They must hold up an A4 sheet clearly showing their full name (as it appears on the timetable) and PIN close to the camera. The candidate should then move to the start position to commence the examination.
- Each candidate must have their timetable number pinned to the front of their dance wear, which should be large enough to be seen clearly from a distance.
- The facilitator is to ensure that the candidates remain fully within camera shot at all times, floor tape may be useful to mark-out the area for the candidates. When waiting to take turns, the candidate/s not dancing should remain in view.
- The facilitator should be seated on the opposite side to the barre and close to the camera, so they can be heard clearly whilst reading out the scripts and must remain fully/partially visible throughout the examination.
- In remote graded exams, the facilitator may now also operate the music, if confident to fulfil both roles. (Class exams must continue to run with a facilitator and an additional music operator)
- The music should not be played through the recording device and the speakers should be placed at a distance from the microphone/recording device.
- The facilitator has the discretion to occasionally ask candidates to demonstrate an exercise again, but only if they feel that the candidates have made a very unexpected error or become distressed or confused by a mistake. It will be at the discretion of the examiner to mark any 'second try' and the overall time allowance for the examination must be adhered to.
- The facilitator is to ensure that candidates have access to water throughout the exam if needed at appropriate times.
- All work is to be delivered by the facilitator as per the examination script

#### BARRE

Direct the candidates to the barre.

If the barre is on the **right** from the Examiner's viewpoint, Candidate 1 should stand at the back. If the barre is on the **left** from the Examiner's viewpoint, Candidate 1 should stand at the front. If exercises are to be demonstrated on one side only, the candidates should turn to face the other side to demonstrate the following exercise, and so on.

| Rise and demi-pliés        | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together, 1 side only       |
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|                            | Preparation - remind the candidates to face sideways      |
|                            | to the barre, point the foot to the side and stand in 2nd |
|                            | position before the music                                 |
| Battements tendus en croix | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together                    |
|                            | Direct candidates to face the front.                      |
|                            | For groups of 3, direct the candidates to turn and repeat |
|                            | on the other side   |
|                            | For 2 or 1 candidates, 1 side only to be shown            |



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| Grands battements<br>a) Grand battements à la quatrième<br>devant<br>b) Grand battements à la 2nde  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>For groups of 3, direct the candidates to perform (a)<br>on both sides and then face the barre to perform<br>(b) on both sides.<br>For 2 or 1 candidates, after showing (a) direct the<br>candidates to face the barre and use the other leg for<br>(b) |
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| Ronds de jambe à terre  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct the candidates to face the front and perform 1<br>side only  |
| Adage   | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct the candidates to face the barre   |
| <i>Facilitator's choice</i> of EITHER:<br>Preparation for sautés *  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct the candidates to stay facing the barre  |
| <u>OR:</u> Echappés relevés *   | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct the candidates to stay facing the barre or step<br>away from the barre facing front to show the exercise   |
| <b>EXERCICES AU MILIEU</b><br>Direct the candidates to the centre of the ropoint.   | oom - Candidate 1 on the left from the Examiner's view  |
| Port de Bras  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct candidates to face the corner<br>Exercise to be shown on both sides  |
| Battement Tendus with transfer of weight  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br>Direct the candidates to face wall 5  |
| THEORY  |   |
| <ul> <li><u>Points of the room</u>: walls 5 - 8</li> <li><u>Positions of the feet</u>: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li><u>Positions of the arms</u>: 2<sup>nd</sup>,<br/>5<sup>th</sup> en bas, 5<sup>th</sup> en avant and<br/>5<sup>th</sup> en haut</li> </ul> | Each candidate will be asked <b>ONE</b> question from this list: <i>Facilitator's choice</i>  |
| ADAGE   |   |
| Retirés passés  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together  |
| Exercise for 3rd arabesque  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together, on both sides<br>Direct the candidates to face corner 1   |
| PIROUETTE   |   |
| Preparatory exercise for use of head  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together, on both sides   |
| Exercise for tour en l'air  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together, on both sides   |
| ALLEGRO SET ENCHAÎNEMENTS   |   |
| Sautés in 1st position  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together  |
| Pas de chat with changements  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together  |
| Petits jetés, devant or derrière  | To be demonstrated <b>all</b> together<br><i>Facilitator's choice</i> of devant or derrière   |



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|   | Remind/ask the candidates how they begin i.e. starting with forwards or sideways polkas.   |  |
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|   | Direct the candidates to prepare their foot on the introduction  |  |
| Galops  | To be demonstrated <b>singly</b> - Candidate 1 first   |  |
| Echappés sautés change and<br>changements A simple enchaînement to<br>include échappé sautés change and<br>changements to be set by the facilitator.<br>There are 5 of combination choices -<br>1 échappé and 2 changements or<br>2 changements and 1 échappés or<br>2 échappés and 4 changements or<br>4 changements and 2 échappés or<br>4 changements, 4 échappés sautés, 4<br>changements | Choose one of these combinations and set it clearly.<br>Allow the candidates one practice with the set music<br>before dancing it together.<br>Teachers must not demonstrate the exercise.<br>Avoid repeating the same sequence choice in<br>succession if there are further Grade 2 examinations<br>following |  |
| DANCE   |  |  |
| Classical or demi-charactère dance of<br>Teacher's choice not to exceed 45 secs   | To be demonstrated <b>singly</b> – Candidate 1 first   |  |
| REVERENCE   |  |  |
| Curtsey or bow  | All together   |  |
| STOP RECORDING  |  |  |