

# FOURTH STAR TEST REQUIREMENTS

<u>ORAL TEST</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1. Name all the parts of the tack for the discipline you ride the most. Be ready to explain what are safety features and why.	_____ 10
2. Select five (5) breeds of horses and learn the following about each: (this can be in written form): a. distinguishing characteristics b. most common uses of breed c. most influential horse in breed d. country of origin	_____ 10
3. Research and write a paragraph on how to best check for proper saddle fit. There should be a minimum of four (4) points to check.	_____ 5
4. Be prepared to discuss conditioning and how to condition your horse for your sport.	_____ 5
5. Name at least four (4) factors you would look for in selecting good hay. Tell some differences between good quality and poor quality hay and feeds.	_____ 5
6. Congratulations! You just won the lottery and have decided to buy enough land to support your five average (1000 lb.) horses for a year on pasture and to cut hay. Your land will produce an average of 130 bales per acre at 40 pounds per bale. You need to figure out the following: a. How many acres of pasture and how many acres of hayfields to buy? (Hints-how much hay will horses need through winter – how much pasture is need from late spring through fall) b. What time(s) of year should your land be limed and fertilized? c. What month of year and how horse should be introduced to pasture? d. Describe at least five (5) guidelines for good pasture management.	_____ 10
7. Be ready to explain symptoms, causes and what you should do for a horse who appears to be colicking.	_____ 5

## **RIDING/ HANDS ON / STABLE MANAGEMENT**

For those who own/ lease a horse:

Demonstrate Riding Ability:

### Western

1. Execute a basic horsemanship pattern to include: walk/ jog/ lope on correct lead/ halt/ transitions upward and downward/ 10 and 20 meter circles/ turn on the forehand/ turn on the haunches. Complete a basic trail pattern including mailbox, bridge, backing through 'L', move objects from one place to another, all at a walk/jog/lope. All should be demonstrated using correct seat, hands and balance.
2. Be prepared to complete the attached Horse Care Checklist with the examiner.

### Hunt Seat

1. Riding on the flat: Ride at the walk/ trot/ sitting trot / canter with smooth transitions, performing ten and twenty meter circles and figure 8's at each gait. Rider should show firm basic balanced position with good contact with leg and hands for control.
2. Riding over fences: Ride over trot poles followed by small fence, not to exceed 2'3". Ride over a course of six to eight fences not to exceed 2'6". Be prepared to discuss performance and ways ride could be improved.

### Driving

1. Demonstrate walk/ trot and extended trot on the rail both directions.
2. Perform a figure eight at the walk and trot.
3. Be prepared to line up and back up.

### Saddle Seat

1. Ride at the walk/ trot/ canter with smooth transitions, performing ten and twenty meter circles and figure 8's at each gait. Rider should show firm basic balanced position with good contact with leg and hands for control.
2. Be prepared to demonstrate lining up and backing your horse.

Score for Riding Component:

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For those who don't have a mount:

Teach two or more 4-H members two of the following:

- a. Fitting and Showmanship (including grooming)
- b. How to tack up a horse correctly and adjust the tack.
- c. How to apply the following wraps: shipping boots or wraps, exercise
- d. wraps or boots, standing wrap and tail wrap

Score for Teaching section

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# HORSE CARE CHECKLIST

	GOOD	NI
Are quarters clean, dry, well-bedded and well ventilated	_____	_____
Are the feeding arrangements such that the horse has easy and safe access to hay and grain?	_____	_____
Is clean, fresh water being provided in sufficient quantity?	_____	_____
Are salt and minerals available?	_____	_____
Are first aid materials adequate and up to date/ kept in a convenient place?	_____	_____
Is the member knowledgeable about the grains being fed? Members should be familiar with type, amount, and quality of grain and hay being fed.	_____	_____
Does the member's horse show evidence of being well fed and groomed daily?	_____	_____
Are the horse's feet properly cared for?	_____	_____
Is the members tack clean and well kept?	_____	_____
Total for Horse Care Checklist	Total	_____

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This portion of the exam will be tested at the testing site. Be sure you have all the above components ready.