



**English Horsemaster
Saddle Seat – Level IV
Riding Test & Oral Interview**

Check One
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Horse's Name _____
Coat color _____ Sex _____ Obvious markings _____
Rider's Name _____ Age _____ Rater's Name _____
Address _____ Rater's Phone # _____
Club _____ County _____ Date _____

Directions: Maneuvers will be called at random. The 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test, including the oral interview questions.

10 points: Advanced. If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was consistently executed correctly and fluidly. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was correct and present during all parts of the test. Questions: Accurate and detailed response, additional facts or explanation may be offered by the rider.

9 points: Proficient. If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was executed correctly most of the time and generally fluidly, with minor flaws. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was present correctly and consistently throughout the test, with minor lapses.

Questions: Accurate, detailed response, with minor errors or omissions.

8 points: Proficient/Basic. If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was executed correctly, but may be better on one side than the other, or execution was inconsistent. It's clear that the rider can apply the aids correctly. If applied to an overall impression, the basics are present, but elements may have been briefly incorrect or absent during the test. Rider may have needed prompting (*not teaching!*) from the rater.

Questions: Response is generally correct, but lacks detail. Some minor errors/omissions.

0 - 7 points: Not yet proficient. One or more of these is true to a greater or lesser degree:

- Rider is unable to produce the maneuver in one or both directions.
- Aids are applied but ineffective at producing the desired maneuver.
- Horse repeatedly balks or misbehaves.
- Rider asks rater how to execute a maneuver or definition of terms in oral questions.
- In a general impression or question response: one or more major flaws or omissions.

Oral Interview Questions: Must answer all five questions with 8 points or better, 10 points possible.

Questions, Answer source: Current United States Equestrian Federation rulebook @	Points
1. Explain two ways that a properly performed change of lead at the canter may be performed in saddle seat equitation.	
2. Explain a serpentine maneuver and when changes of diagonal and changes of lead are correctly performed within the maneuver.	
3. What is the time limit a ride without stirrups at the trot may be requested? Why should there be a time limit on that maneuver?	
4. Explain a demonstration ride, when it may be requested and any limits placed on that ride. When would a demonstration ride be called for in competition? How would the judge know what maneuvers would be contained within a demonstration ride?	
5. What breeds of horses have saddle seat equitation classes/divisions? Name at least three.	



Rater: Forms should be filled out the day of the test and submitted to the member's extension office within one week.

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Basic Handling A. Display confidence, safety and knowledge while working around the horse.		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be show ring quality.		
C. Horse should demonstrate excellent showing manners and a polished performance.		
Riding A. Perform figures of 8 showing the following maneuvers: one circle at the posting trot, followed by a second circle at the canter,		
B. Perform 3-loop serpentine at a canter using simple lead changes through the walk and halt; start the canter from a halt.		
C. Perform a 3-loop serpentine, demonstrating changes of diagonals at the trot with and without irons.		
D. Demonstrate 3 changes of lead through the walk or halt down center of ring. Rating judge to specify beginning lead. More than one straightaway may be used to provide sufficient room for the changes to occur.		
E. Perform a counter canter, for $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a large circle, in each direction.		
F. Perform a 180-degree forehand turn in each direction		
G. Perform a 180-degree hindquarter turn in each direction.		
H. Back 6-7 steps in a straight line.		