



**English Novice  
Level I  
Riding Test**

Check One

\_\_\_\_ Passed

\_\_\_\_ Retest

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coat color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Obvious markings \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Rater's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rater's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: To pass this level, the 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test.  
Level I should emphasize correct and safe principle of handling and riding.

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

	<b>Score: 10 Points Maximum</b>	<b>Judge's Comments</b>
<b>Basic handling</b>		
A. Properly halter, lead and tie a horse		
B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly		
C. *Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment		
D. Safety around the horse		
<b>Showmanship</b>		
A. Demonstrate walk, trot and stop		
<b>Riding</b>		
A. Mount, dismount (mounting block may be used if necessary)		
B. Correct seat, body position and balance at walk, trot, and canter		
C. Proper use of reins; hand position and action		
D. Control at the walk; both directions		
E. Control at the trot with correct diagonals; both directions		
F. Control at the canter; both directions demonstrating correct leads		
G. Demonstrate balanced gradual stop from all gaits on a straightaway		
H. Equipment, dress, and overall attitude		

\* If the size or physical strength prevents the 4-H member from performing the skill, an adequate verbal explanation will suffice.