

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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“H-A” TEST SHEET

National Examiners will use this form when conducting the H-A Rating. The candidate will receive a copy of the completed form following the examination. The original is sent to the National Office within four days of the test and returned in due course to the candidate. A copy will be sent from the National Office to the Regional Supervisor and District Commissioner. To achieve the rating, candidates must meet the standard in each section. **Examiners must have a copy of the appropriate Standard to use with the test sheet.**

Candidate's name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below:

Presentation		
<i>Candidates will rotate through Stations 1, 2, & 3)</i>		
Station 1 - Turnout - Braiding - Bandaging - Discuss uses and application of various bandages		_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS
Station 2 - Teeth - Tack - Shoeing - Anatomy of the leg (principle bones, tendons, ligaments)		_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS
Station 3 - Showing the horse in hand - Discussion: - Breeding - Suitability and performance - Level for specific activity as requested by Examiner - Conformation and way of going		_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

Longeing I

- Discussion:
- Longeing techniques
- Proper fit of equipment, including side reins
- Safety precautions

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Longeing II

- Demonstration
- Evaluation of horse longed

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

**Stable Management,
Stable Construction,
Pasture Management**

- Morning inspection
- Evening inspection
- Aid for horse cast in stall
- Causes of poor condition
- Health maintenance and disease prevention
- Records (written outline)
- Parasites and control
- Diseases/disorders associated with travel
- Stable construction
- Grazing and paddock management
- Soil management

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Nutrition

- Discussion of sources of protein, fat and carbohydrates
- Interpretation of label information
- Appropriate rations
- Feed supplements
- Difference in seasonal care
- Purchase of feed
- Cost and storage of feed

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

**Health/Systems/
Diseases**

- Anatomical systems:
- Respiratory
- Urinary
- Circulatory/lymphatic
- Nervous
- Digestive
- Reproductive
- Skeletal
- Causes, systems, prognosis and management of listed diseases/disorders
- Signs and treatment of listed problems

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Teaching I

- Discussion:
- Preparation of lesson plan
- Ways to handle listed lesson situations
- Techniques and safety precautions for longeing a rider
- Teaching a Pony Club member to longe
- Emergency preparedness and procedures
- Discussion or demonstration of any D, C, and B Standard requirement, as requested by examiner

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Teaching II

- Demonstration:
- Teaching skills
- Safety factors when teaching a jumping lesson
- Evaluation of lesson plan
- Problem solving

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Land Conservation

- Discuss land conservation concerns/initiatives and equine sports/horse management
- Describe methods to include land conservation awareness in unmounted curriculum

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Special care/travel safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Techniques for loading and unloading - Causes of loading problems - Maintenance program for trailer/van - Use and dangers of listed tranquilizers, sedatives, analgesics, anti-inflammatories - Precautions for handling of foals and young horses - Benefits and dangers of twitches and other methods of restraint 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS </div>
Conformation and Lameness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lameness associated with listed conformation faults - Uses and limitations of horses with listed conformation faults 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS </div>
Tack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection for safety and fit - Reclaiming neglected tack - Storing tack - Temporary adjustments - Types of bits/saddles, quality of equipment appropriate for discipline involved - Correct fitting, uses and misuses of tack 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS </div>

GENERAL REMARKS

Attitude and maturity for level of testing
 Suggestions for improvement

___ Meets Standards ___ Withdraw
 ___ Does Not Meet Standard
 Date Tested _____

Signature of Examiners
 PIP _____

Sections requiring retesting,
 up to a total of two:

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- Retest to cover *not more than* two sections of the test.
- Retest must take place within **the calendar year** and must be completed over a one day period.
- Failure of any section on retest day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

RETEST: ___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS

EXAMINER SIGNATURE FOR RETEST: _____ DATE RETESTED: _____