

Placer County 4-H Horse Mastership Level VI Skills Test

NAME: _____

4-H CLUB: _____ ENTRY #: _____

		Possible Points	Your Points
Section I	Trailer Safety	14	
Section II	Unloading Horse	16	
Section III	Blanket & Shipping Boots	28	
Section IV	Unblanket & Remove Shipping Boots	20	
Section V	First Aid Supplies	40	
Section VI	Medical Care	62	
Section VII	Vet Wraps	22	
Section VIII	Cleaning the Sheath & Teats	38	
Section IX	Clipping & Restraint	28	
Section X	Pulling Mane	10	
Section XI	Longeing	30	
Section XII	Saddling & Bridling	30	
Section XIII	Adjusting Stirrups	12	
Section XIV	Riding	260	
Section XV	Loading Horse in the Trailer	14	

TOTAL POINTS SKILLS TEST	624	
---------------------------------	------------	--

PERCENT: _____ PASS? Yes: _____ Fail _____

HORSE TRAILER SAFETY—SECTION I

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

POSSIBLE		POINTS
	A. <u>TRAILER HOOK-UP</u>	
2	1. Explained how to hook up the trailer.	()
2	2. Hitch is securely locked on tow ball.	()
2	3. Pin or clamp to secure ball.	()
2	4. Chains connected to towing vehicle.	()
2	5. Electricity cable hooked up to towing vehicle correctly.	()
2	6. Checked brake lights.	()
2	7. Check both turn signals.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

UNLOADING HORSE - SECTION II

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

POSSIBLE
POINTSPOINTS
SCOREDB. UNLOADING HORSE

2	1. Appearance of exhibitor, clean and neat, dressed in 4-H uniform.	()
2	2. Untied horse first.	()
2	3. Opened tailgate.	()
2	4. Unhooked butt-rope.	()
2	5. Asked horse to back out and was prepared to catch lead.	()
2	6. Tied horse to side of trailer with quick release	()
2	7. Tied horse at a maximum length of 3 feet.	()
2	8. Appearance of horse, clean and well groomed.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

TOTAL SCORE _____

BLANKET & SHIPPING BOOTS - SECTION III

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
	A. <u>BLANKET</u>	
2	1. Blanket should be folded in half, inside out.	()
2	2. Place blanket on horse's withers gently with the straps on the right side.	()
2	3. Buckle the front closure.	()
2	4. Unfold the blanket toward the horse's hindquarters. Pull the blanket as far as it will go to smooth the hair.	()
4	5. Hooked all straps working from the front of the horse to the back.	()
4	6. Describe how to use two out of the following three blanket types. The two blanket types described must be different from the one used in the skills test.	
	(a) New Zealand type blanket.	()
	(b) Straight belly strap blanket.	()
	(c) Criss-cross belly strap blanket.	()
	B. <u>SHIPPING BOOTS</u>	
2	1. Placed shipping boot on horse's leg slightly above where it should be located.	()
2	2. Straps or closures should be located on the outside of the leg. Direction of the ties is optional.	()
2	3. Close shipping boots working from top to bottom.	()
2	4. Gently slide the boots into place.	()
2	5. Worked from the front legs to back.	()
2	6. Started with the left side of the horse.	()

UNBLANKET & REMOVE SHIPPING BOOTS - SECTION IV

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

**POSSIBLE
POINTS****POINTS
SCORED****A. UNBLANKET**

- | | | |
|---|--|--------|
| 4 | 1. Unhooked all straps working from the back of the horse toward the front of the horse. | () |
| 2 | 2. Unbuckled the front closure. Remember to close the buckle so it doesn't get lost when the blanket is removed. | () |
| 2 | 3. Folded the front end of the blanket towards the horse's hindquarters. | () |
| 2 | 4. Slid the folded blanket towards the horse's hindquarters with the lay of the hair. | () |
| 2 | 5. Hung folded blanket over fence or fender to let it air out. | () |

B. REMOVE SHIPPING BOOTS

- | | | |
|---|--|--------|
| 2 | 1. Open shipping boots working from the bottom up to the top. | () |
| 2 | 2. Gently remove the boots and smooth down the hair on the horse's legs. | () |
| 2 | 3. Worked from the front legs to the back. | () |
| 2 | 4. Started with the left side of the horse. | () |

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

FIRST AID SUPPLIES - SECTION V

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	Members should be able to explain what each item is used for (equipment doesn't have to be new):	<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
2	1. Box, tote, or bag to carry supplies in.	()
2	2. Flashlight.	()
2	3. Wirecutters.	()
2	4. Pocketknife.	()
2	5. Scissors, straight or bandage.	()
2	6. Thermometer.	()
2	7. Skin cleanser (Betadine, peroxide, phisohex, etc.	()
2	8. Stretch gauze wrap (roll).	()
2	9. Sterile gauze pads (4" by 4" minimum size.	()
2	10. Elastic wraps (Vet wrap, polo wraps, track bandages, etc.).	()
2	11. Tape.	()
2	12. Antibacterial ointment (Furacin, etc.).	()
2	13. Lanolin based veterinary cream (Corona, Aloe-heal, etc.).	()
2	14. Coagulant powder (Wonder dust, quik-clot, etc.).	()
2	15. Thrush medicine (Thrush-XX, Koppertox, etc.).	()
2	16. Non-sterile sheet cotton or anything that absorbs and cushions (towels, leg wraps, etc.).	()
2	17. Soap to wash your hands.	()
2	18. Towel.	()
2	19. Fly spray.	()
2	20. The telephone number of your vet.	()

MEDICAL CARE - SECTION VI

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
<u>A. RESPIRATION</u>		
2	1. Explain how to take the horse's respiration. Knew that respiration should be taken from the left flank and why.	()
2	2. Know your own horse's normal respiration rate.	()
4	3. Took the horse's respiration rate at the flank in a <u>safe</u> manner.	()
 <u>B. PULSE</u>		
2	1. Explain how to take the horse's pulse.	()
4	2. Know your own horse's "normal" pulse rate.	()
2	3. Took the horse's pulse rate in a <u>safe</u> manner.	()
 <u>C. TEMPERATURE</u>		
2	1. Explain how to take the horse's temperature	()
2	2. Thermometer has safety string and clip.	()
2	3. Know your own horse's "normal" temperature.	()
2	4. Took the horse's temperature in a <u>safe</u> manner (remember to grease the thermometer).	()
 <u>D. EMERGENCY CARE</u>		
6	1. Be able to explain three different emergency situations where you would have to call the veterinarian immediately to treat your horse.	()
6	2. Be able to explain what you would do after you called the vet to help your horse feel better until the vet arrives for the above situations.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
6	3. <u>GOLD ONLY:</u> Know and be able to explain they symptoms of the following common diseases: (a) Pigeon Fever (b) Strangles (Distemper) (c) Rhinoneumenitis	() () () ()
<u>E. DEWORMING</u>		
2	1. Explain how to use the paste wormer to de-worm the horse.	()
2	2. Know your own horse's weight and the correct dosage to administer.	()
2	3. Know how often the horse should be wormed during the year.	()
2	4. Remembered to dial the plastic ring to select the proper dosage <u>before</u> administering the paste.	()
2	5. Stood on the left side of the horse. Used the left hand on the soft part of the muzzle above the nostrils and placed the thumb on the inside of the lip to pull the lip up.	()
2	6. Administered the past wormer (an empty tube will be supplied for demonstration purposes) in a safe manner. Used the right hand to slide the barrel of the syringe into the uppermost corner of his mouth through the interdental space between the front and back teeth. The syringe should penetrate at least two inches into the mouth.	()
2	7. Emptied the syringe's contents on the far back part of the tongue. Elevated the horse's head to keep the medication from oozing out of the corners of his mouth. Stroked the cleft of the horse's jaw with the right hand to encourage him to swallow.	()
6	8. <u>GOLD ONLY:</u> Know 3 different types of wormers and be able to explain how and why you would want to rotate wormers.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

VET WRAPS - SECTION VII

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
<u>LEG WRAP APPLICATION</u>		
2	Wash hands and inspect wound	()
2	Apply medication to sterile pad.	()
2	Apply medicated pad and stretch gauze at the same time, bringing gauze roll from the inside out, unrolling away from leg (picture1).	()
2	Progressive turns of the gauze wrap spiraling downward (picture 2).	()
2	Well below the wound, turn and spiral upward.	()
2	Finish gauze wrap well above the wound.	()
2	Apply padding carefully and smoothly (picture 3).	()
2	Start vet wrap (self adherent stretch bandage) from beneath the end of the padding and securing the end with a second wrap around the leg (picture 4).	()
2	Successive turns of final wrap spiraling downward.	()
2	All the way up and back to center, unrolling final turn without tension.	()
2	Pressing final wrap so that it adheres to itself, and check tightness.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

CLEANING THE SHEATH AND TEATS - SECTION VIII

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
	<u>A. EQUIPMENT</u>	
2	1. Rubber Gloves.	()
2	2. Liquid soap (orvus, shampoo, or liquid hand soap, etc., not detergent).	()
2	3. Sheet cotton (can be the same as used for first-aid supplies).	()
2	4. Hose attached to warm water supply.	()
2	5. Bucket of warm water.	()
	<u>B. CLEANING THE SHEATH: IF YOUR HORSE IS A MARE, EXPLAIN THIS PROCEDURE</u>	
2	1. Insert the hose four or five inches into the sheath and let it run for several minutes at medium pressure to loosen the dirt caked onto the lining.	()
2	2. Squeeze a large pool of liquid soap into one cupped hand.	()
2	3. Insert your hand in the sheath and spread the soap all over the inside surfaces. Be sure to include the "ceiling" where the sheath joins the abdomen and all crevices.	()
2	4. Periodically wash your gloved hand in the bucket of warm water and continue to loose dirt until the sheath lining feels smooth.	()
2	5. Reinsert the hose (check water temperature) and rinse out the loosened dirt. Resoap you hand and repeat the process until the whole sheath lining is free of caked dirt.	()
2	6. Clean the penis gently with a wad of cotton soaked in warm water and liquid soap.	()
2	7. Rinse with clean warm water.	()

**POSSIBLE
POINTS**

**POINTS
SCORED**

**C. CLEANING THE TEATS: IF YOUR HORSE IS A
GELDING, EXPLAIN THIS PROCEDURE**

- | | | |
|---|--|-------|
| 2 | 1. Insert the hose in between the teats and let it run for several minutes at medium pressure to loosen the caked dirt. | () |
| 2 | 2. Squeeze a large pool of liquid soap into one cupped hand. | () |
| 2 | 3. Insert your hand in between the teats and spread the soap all over the inside and outside surfaces. Be sure to include the "ceiling" where the teats join the abdomen and all crevices. | () |
| 2 | 4. Periodically wash your gloved hand in the bucket of warm water and continue to loosen dirt until the udder feels smooth. | () |
| 2 | 5. Reinsert the hose (check water temperature) and rinse out the loosened dirt. Resoap your hand and repeat the process until the whole udder is free of caked dirt. | () |
| 2 | 6. Lift the tail and clean the vulva gently with a wad of cotton soaked in warm water and liquid soap. | () |
| 2 | 7. Rinse with clean warm water. | () |

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

CLIPPING & RESTRAINT - SECTION IX

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	FOR TEST, THE MEMBER SHOULD DEMONSTRATE HOW TO CLIP THE HORSE SAFELY WITH THE CLIPPER MOTOR TURNED OFF.	<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
<u>A. CLIPPING:</u>		
2	1. Bridle path: Start at poll and clip to end of bridle path against hair.	()
2	2. Whiskers around muzzle and eyes: Hold horse's eye closed before clipping long hairs.	()
2	3. Ears: Clip both inside and outside.	()
2	4. Long hair under jaw: remove halter and place around horse's neck.	()
2	5. Legs: remember to blend hair as you clip the coronary band, and the back of the leg from the coronary bank up to the base of the knee.	()
2	6. Clipped legs in a safe manner: do not sit down or kneel.	()
<u>B. RESTRAINT: GOLD ONLY</u>		
4	1. Explain two different situations where you may need to restrain your horse.	()
6	2. Explain three different methods for safely restraining your horse.	()
6	3. Demonstrate three different methods for <u>safely</u> restraining your horse.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

PULLING MANE - SECTION X

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

**POSSIBLE
POINTS**

**POINTS
SCORED**

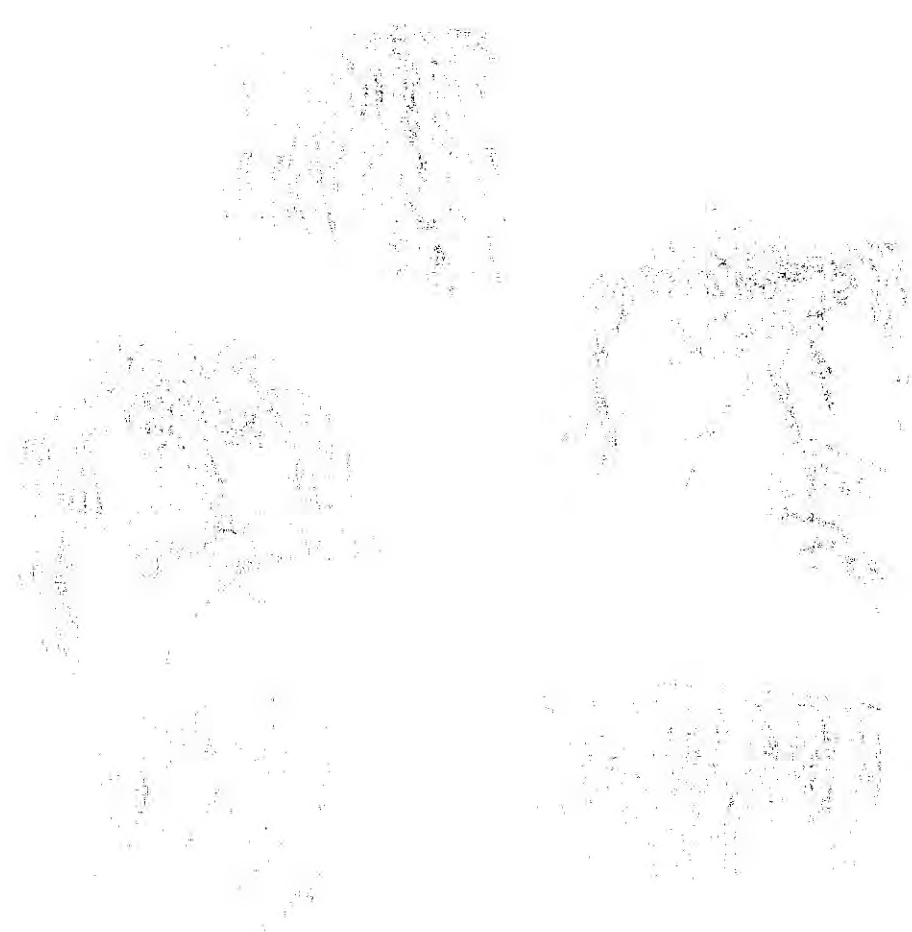
5 If they pull mane following directions below.

()

5 If they told you not to pull mane.

()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:



LONGEING - SECTION XI

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	GOLD WILL DEMONSTRATE HOW TO LONGE A SADDLED HORSE AT THE WALK, JOG AND LOPE.	<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
2	1. Halter adjusted satisfactorily Too Tight (1 point) Too Loose (1 point)	()
2	2. Horse safely "rigged" to longe line. (Chain is optional.)	()
2	3. Position from hip slightly behind horse on the: Walk	()
	Jog	()
	Lope (Mini - Gold and Gold Only)	()
2	4. <u>GOLD ONLY:</u> Check cinch before starting to longe.	()
	Check cinch after jogging the first direction.	()
2	5. Stepped forward to signal stop.	()
2	6. Stopped horse and walked to him/her.	()
2	7. Changed longe line before reversing.	()
2	8. <u>GOLD ONLY:</u> Check cinch again.	()
2	9. Walked into position and started horse into walk.	()
2	10. Worked without excess strain on the longe line. Should not pull on horse, should use line to cue horse.	()
2	11. Hold whip down and behind you at the walk. *	()
2	12. Hold the whip down and to your side at the jog. *	()
2	13. Hold whip up and to your front, just behind the horse at the lope. *	()
2	14. Did not use the whip unnecessarily.	()
2	15. Used voice commands.	()

* Note: WHIP IS OPTIONAL - Credit will be given if these steps are explained.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

SADDLING & BRIDLING - SECTION XII

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	<u>A. SADDLING: BRING YOUR OWN SADDLE PAD</u>	<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
2	1. Check saddle pad carefully for cleanliness and burrs. Place saddle pad up on the horse's back, several inches forward, then pull it towards the rear.	()
2	2. Check saddle for signs of wear or disrepair. Check the fleece lining for burrs.	()
2	3. Place the right stirrup, cinches, etc. over the seat of the saddle. If the stirrups are short, is it better to loop the right stirrup over the saddle horn so it won't swing free and hit the horse. Place saddle evenly and gently on pad. Recheck position of pad.	()
2	4. Walk around to the off side of the horse, pull the stirrup down, and the cinches, and see that nothing is twisted. Be careful not to allow cinch ring to strike the off knee.	()
2	5. The saddle should be just slightly forward of where you want it, so grasp the horn and pommel and shake it back into position. Next make an "air pocket" between the pad and the withers.	()
2	6. Adjusted front and back cinches to fit individual horse.	()
2	7. Put the left stirrup up, over the horn or the saddle seat, and reach under the belly with the left hand for the cinch. The long latigo is in the right hand, and you cinch the horse using whatever method you normally use.	()
2	8. Remembered to cinch up in two or three stages. Tighten the cinch just enough so the saddle won't slip, walk the horse about a dozen steps; then tighten the cinch again.	()
2	9. Fastened the rear cinch last and checked to make sure it was neither too loose nor too tight.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

**POSSIBLE
POINTS**

**POINTS
SCORED**

B. BRIDLING: BRING YOUR OWN BIT

- | | | |
|---|---|--------|
| 2 | 1. Check headstall, chinstrap, (cavesson), and rein leather for damage. | () |
| 2 | 2. Untie horse, remove halter and place around horse's neck for restraint. | () |
| 2 | 3. Stand beside horse (not in front of horse) and keep head and body clear of horse. | () |
| 2 | 4. Do not allow reins to touch the ground. | () |
| 2 | 5. Check to make sure that bridle is not too small for the horse. Bridle horse gently respecting the horse's mouth. | () |
| 2 | 6. Adjust the headstall length and curbstrap to fit individual horse. Explain how to check bridle for proper adjustment. Buckle throat latch and place end in keeper. | () |

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

ADJUSTING STIRRUPS - SECTION XIII

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
2	1. Explained procedure and mounted horse.	()
2	2. Stood up in stirrups to determine if stirrups need to be raised or lowered. Member should be able to tell approximately how much the stirrups need to be adjusted.	()
2	3. Dismounted and adjusted stirrups.	()
2	4. Re-mounted to determine if stirrups need further adjustments.	()
2	5. Remembered to replace stirrup leathers.	()
2	6. Judge should determine if adjustment is correct.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

RIDING - SECTION XIV

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DIAGRAM

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
20	1. Enter at walk, open gate, right hand pull. Walk through and close gate.	()
20	2. Walk.	()
20	3. Jog.	()
20	4. Extend the jog.	()
20	5. Stop.	()
20	6. Lope left lead.	()
20	7. Simple lead change.	()
20	8. Lope right lead.	()
20	9. Stop.	()
20	10. Side pass to right as shown.	()
20	11. 450° Right pivot.	()
20	12. Jog back..	()
20.	13. Open gate, left hand push.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

10. SIDE PASS TO THE RIGHT



11. 450°
RIGHT
PIVOT

12. JOG BACK



9. STOP

8. LOPE
RIGHT
LEAD

7. SIMPLE LEAD
CHANGE

6. LOPE,
LEFT LEAD

5. STOP 




4. EXTEND THE JOG

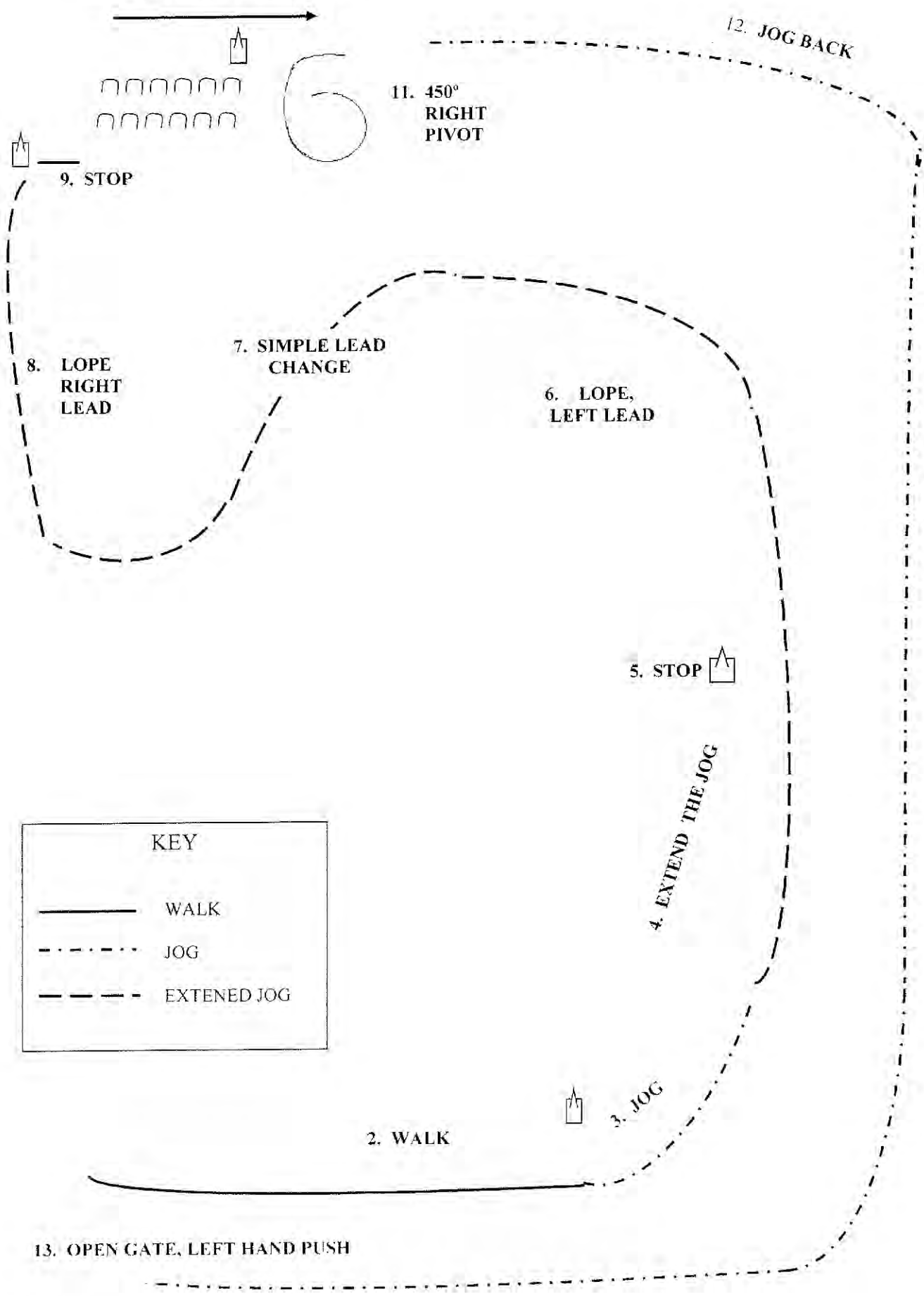
2. WALK

3. JOG 

13. OPEN GATE, LEFT HAND PUSH

1. OPEN GATE, RIGHT HAND PULL

KEY	
	WALK
	JOG
	EXTENDED JOG



LOADING HORSE IN THE TRAILER - SECTION XV

ENTRANT NUMBER _____

LEVEL _____

<u>POSSIBLE POINTS</u>		<u>POINTS SCORED</u>
2	1. Explain how the horse should be loaded into the trailer safely.	()
2	2. Open the trailer tail-gate.	()
2	3. Place the rope over the horse's back.	()
2	4. Lead the horse into the trailer. If it is necessary to walk in the trailer with the horse, use the escape door.	()
2	5. Hook the butt-rope.	()
2	6. Close the tail-gate.	()
2	7. Tie the horse in the trailer with just enough rope to allow the horse to back up to the butt-rope.	()

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: