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"D-2" TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club/Riding Center _____

District Commissioner/Center Administrator _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications – D-1 through C-2" and the D-2 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, with assistance if necessary, and should understand the basic reasons for the everyday routines of caring for his or her own mount.

TURN OUT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP. Mount to be clean and well brushed, with hooves picked out and showing farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off. Tack is to be safe and clean, and properly adjusted (with assistance if necessary), with attention to stitching, girth, and stirrups. No obvious jockeys or heavy dust on mount. Name and locate 15 parts of saddle and bridle. Name 3 different bits. Demonstrate (with assistance of examiner) how to apply protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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RIDING ON THE FLAT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary) Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this. Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles. Ride without stirrups at the walk. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk and trot. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk in an enclosed arena. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

RIDING OVER FENCES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain jumping position at the trot, on the flat, and over ground poles. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles of cross rails and verticals (no spreads). The majority of fences must be set at, but not exceed, 18”. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe basic balanced position over fences (No need to canter over fences.) 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

RIDING IN THE OPEN

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride safely and considerably on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot. Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot. Discuss two or three things to do to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property. (i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.) 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jump a minimum of three simple and natural obstacles. The majority of fences must be, but not exceed, 18” in height. No ditches, banks or water. All fences may be jumped at the trot. 		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

CONDITIONING

- Discuss basic condition of own mount.
- Describe ways to know if mount is properly cooled out.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

HORSE SPORTS

- Name two horse sports.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

NUTRITION

- Know 3-5 basic rules for feeding and explain feeding schedule for own mount.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

STABLE MANAGEMENT

- Groom mount, pick out hooves with assistance if needed.
- Name 5 grooming tools and demonstrate how to use them.
- Tack up and untack independently.
- List three examples of unsafe equipment.
- Name three common stable vices.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

**BREEDS, PARTS OF MOUNT,
CONFORMATION & LAMENESS**

- Name and locate any 15 parts of the mount.
- Name and describe six colors of mounts.
- Name and describe five markings of mounts.
- Name six horse or pony breeds.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

TRAVEL SAFETY

- Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.
- Name two ways you can help your mount be safe in a trailer.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

RECORD BOOK

- Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner. Discuss what is included on a stall card.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

**HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY
KNOWLEDGE**

- Give two reasons to have your mount routinely checked by a veterinarian.

____ES
 ____DNMS
 ____MS

<p>LAND CONSERVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk with grandparents, parents, instructors and/or older friends/ neighbors about where they rode when they were young and how it is different from today. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<p>LEADING & LONGEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead mount correctly in hand and while tacked up. • Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand. • Lead mount in and out of stall safely, tie up in appropriate place with quick-release knot. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<p>FOOT & SHOEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know reasons for daily hoof care. • Give two reasons why the farrier regularly checks your mount. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<p>BANDAGING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give two reasons why you would bandage a mount's leg(s). • Demonstrate (with assistance of examiner) how to apply protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of six; not more than three riding)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 27 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* six sections of the test (not more than three riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Examiner for portions retested)