Osceola County 4-H Horsemaster Project

LEVEL 5 – HORSEMASTER

Name: ____________________________________________ 4-H Age: ________
Address: ___________________________________________City: ____________
Name of Club: ______________________________________________________
Name of Club Leader (s): _____________________________________________
Years in 4-H Project: _______________________________________________
This Level should be submitted in notebook form with all graphs, charts, outlines, displays, and photographs located appropriately.

Your imagination, attention to detail, and thoroughness will be given much consideration.

The completion of this unit, not only represents academic accomplishment, but reflects your commitment to the 4-H project and to horses in general, as well.

In addition, it demonstrates a desire to excel and to go beyond the minimum requirements.
Section 1 – Personal Riding Record

1. Give the date on which you rode ten miles. Describe the route and type of country you rode through. Keep a T.P.R. chart for this ride and include it. (Check vitals at 0, 3, 6, and 10 mile intervals. How long did it take for horse to return to normal at end of ride?)

2. Outline a long-range conditioning schedule for the ride above. What did you do to prepare yourself and your horse for the ride explained and when did you start this schedule?

Section 2 – Knowledge

1. Collect and press at least three plants known to be poisonous to horses. Identify the toxin contained and the signs the horse may show if sufficient amounts were consumed.

2. Name five reproductive hormones of a horse and their functions.

3. Explain how a black stallion bred to a black mare might produce a chestnut foal. (Include diagrams)

4. In thorough detail, describe the walk, trot, and canter of a horse. (Include diagrams)

5. In thorough detail, describe your training plan for a weaned foal that will continue through its third year.
Section 2 – Knowledge (Continued)

6. Identify the numbered parts of the skeletal anatomy of the horse: (19)

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Section 3 – Stable Management

1. Make a chart for describing the procedures to establish a sound stable management system. Consider specific needs for each of at least three horses, in regards to:  (25)

   A. Exercise scheduling for each
   
   B. Habits or vices of each
   
   C. Vet, farrier, and feed records for each
   
   D. Any health problems for each
   
   E. Using the attached worksheet, develop feed charts for 2 of the 3 horses
   
   F. Compare, contrast, and list any modifications made for the diets of the 2 horses
Section 3 – Stable Management (Continued)

Animal ________________ Weight _______ Age ______ Work Classification ____________

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**Section 4**  
Balancing Ration and Meeting Requirements

- Total from Section 2
- Ration deficiency
- Supplement
- Balanced ration
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Complete the following table for horse 1:

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Complete the following table for horse 2:

1. Fill in the types of feed fed per day.
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2. Describe the listed stable vices and suggest methods for their prevention and/or control.  
   A. Stall Walking
   B. Tail Rubbing
   C. Cribbing or Wind Sucking
   D. Wood Chewing
   E. Weaving
   F. Striking
   G. Kicking

3. Name five external parasites, explain what they do and suggest methods of controlling each with specific chemicals. (Not brand names)

4. List and provide pictures of the minimum medicines and veterinary supplies that should be kept at a stable and the use for each.

5. List the common diseases that can be prevented with the use of vaccines.
Section 4 – Teaching Records

1. Prepare, include, and use a lesson plan to teach a subject area from the Knowledge sections of the Horsemasters course to at least three students. (25)

2. Prepare, include, and use a lesson plan to teach a subject area from the Dismounted Abilities sections of the Horsemasters course to at least three students. (25)

3. Prepare, include, and use a lesson plan to teach a subject area of the Mounted Abilities section of the Horsemasters course to at least three students. (25)

**Your lesson plans should include:**

Teacher: (Your name)

Date: (When will you complete the lesson?)

Time Needed: (How much time do you need for the entire lesson?)

Objective: (What do you want your students to learn?)

Materials: (What things do you need to teach the lesson?)

Introduction: (How will you get your students’ attention?)

Lesson Content: (What is the information you will cover?)

Activity: (How will the students put the new information into practice?)

Conclusion: (How will you restate the objective?)

Safety Precautions: (How will you keep you, your students, and all horses safe?)

4. Using one of your lesson plans, answer the following questions: (10)
   a. Tell how at least two of your students benefited from the lesson plan taught.
   b. If you could change one thing about the lesson, what would it be?
   c. What was one thing you learned while teaching the lesson plan?

5. Use a different lesson plan to prepare a reflection while keeping these aspects in mind: (13)

   **Teaching Style:**
   Were your objectives met?
   How effective were your materials? Could they be more effective?
   Did you maintain a pleasant attitude?
   Did you summarize effectively?

   **Student Interaction:**
   Were there any areas of misunderstanding between you and the students?
   Was safety emphasized?
   If horses were used, were they matched appropriately with students?
   Did you allow ample time for the students to practice or study?
   Could all of your students see and hear the lesson?
   Was there good student response?
   Were the students motivated to learn? Did they have fun?
Section 5 – Judging

1. Judge a four horse conformation halter breed class. Include a photographic display of each animal along with a written explanation of how you would place the class. (15)

2. Judge a four horse pleasure class. Include a photographic display of each animal along with a written explanation of how you would place the class. (15)

3. List and discuss show classes commonly seen in your area including appointments, class routine, and criteria for judging. These should include, but is not limited to, equitation, pleasure, and specialty classes from each. (10)

Total Points: 375

Section 1: 25
Section 2: 83
Section 3: 129
Section 4: 98
Section 5: 40
Section 6 – Dismounted Abilities

Properly demonstrate the following to a designated inspector, who will check off each of these items on the date(s) you complete them.

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1. Identify and explain the use of: (12)
   a. Bell boots
   b. Quarter boots
   c. Skid boots
   d. Knee boots
   e. Splint boots
   f. Hobbles (restraint)

2. Identify and explain the action and use of: (14)
   a. Two types of snaffles
   b. Pelham
   c. Weymouth
   d. Curb
   e. Liverpool
   f. Bosal
   g. Mechanical Hackamore

3. Describe and discuss the use of two different types of martingales or similar training devices and the intended effective use of each. (e.g. draw rein, shackles, etc.) (6)

4. Demonstrate or discuss effective procedures used in locating an unsoundness. (2)

5. Discuss how to remove a shoe. (3)

6. Discuss how to tack on a loose shoe. (3)

7. Demonstrate or discuss long-lining as a training method and explain its effective results. (5)
Section 6 – Dismounted Abilities (Continued)

8. Discuss the following: (5)
   a. Measure the fork of a western saddle and tell why it fits a certain horse. _______ ________
   b. Explain double rig, center fire, and ¾ rig. _______ ________
   c. Tell why a cutback or straight head English saddle fits a certain horse. _______ ________
   d. Explain the difference between a forward seat saddle, a dressage seat saddle, and a flat saddle. _______ ________

9. Discuss colic and include the different types, the diagnosis of, treatment of, and prevention of. (5) _______ ________

(Total Dismounted Points: 55)
Section 7 – Mounted Abilities

**Choose three of the following four seats!**

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1. **Stock Seat**

   1. Design and ride a trail class which must include at least 6, but no more than 8 of the following: (25) ______   ______
      - walk
      - trot
      - canter
      - open and close a gate
      - put on and take off slicker
      - cross a bridge
      - open and close a mailbox
      - side pass left and/or right
      - back a “Z” through markers
      - two or more 12” or under step-overs

   2. Ride a 2-5 minute free-style pattern at a lope with reasonable speed. The pattern must consist of all elements listed below. Your pattern must be diagrammed and given to the evaluator prior to your test. You may arrange these elements in any order: 1 right rollback (25) ______   ______
      - 1 left rollback
      - 1 180° spin over the hocks
      - 1 360° spin over the hocks
      - 2 flying lead changes
      - 1 slow circle to the right
      - 1 slow circle to the left
      - 1 fast circle to the right
      - 1 fast circle to the left
      - 1 back up of at least 10 feet
      - 1 sliding stop

3. Dismount and ground tie your horse for 20 seconds. (5) ______   ______

4. Execute a turn on the haunches, keeping the hind feet in a circle having a 5 foot diameter. (5) ______   ______

5. Execute a turn on the forehand, keeping the front feet in a circle having a 3 ½ foot diameter. (5) ______   ______
Section 7 – Mounted Abilities (Continued)

2. **Saddle Seat**

1. Properly execute the following gaits and movements: (5)
   a. Serpentine at a rising trot _______ ________
   b. Turn on the forehand (right) _______ ________
   c. Turn on the forehand (left) _______ ________
   d. Canter a straight line showing 2 simple lead changes _______ ________
   e. Halt and back _______ ________

2. From a standstill, drop stirrups, address your reins, proceed at a rising trot down one side of the ring on the correct diagonal, halt, pick up stirrups, reverse, and do a sitting trot back up the same side, halt. (25) _______ ________

3. Diagram and perform a 2-5 minute freestyle pattern. The pattern must consist of all the elements listed below. Your pattern must be diagrammed and given to your instructor prior to your test. You may arrange these elements in any order: (25) _______ ________
   - walk
   - trot
   - canter
   - counter canter
   - extended trot
   - halt
   - back
   - turn on forehand
   - serpentine at rising trot
   - figure eight at rising trot – without stirrups
   - figure eight at canter
   - change leads down the center of the arena

4. Explain the appointments for each of the following classes: _______ ________
   a. Pleasure
   b. Park
   c. Driving (10)
3. **Hunt Seat**

1. Properly execute the following gaits and movements: (25)
   - a. walk
   - b. trot
   - c. canter
   - d. hand gallop
   - e. halt
   - f. turn on forehand (right)
   - g. turn on forehand (left)
   - h. reverse directions at the walk and trot
   - i. right circle at the canter
   - j. left circle at the canter

2. Prepare two freestyle patterns using maneuvers listed in #1. (You may add a small jump to the pattern.) Execute one of the patterns. (25)

3. Explain the judging differences between:
   - a. Equitation Over Fences
   - b. Stadium Jumping
   - c. Working Hunter Over Fences (15)

4. **Dressage**

1. Properly execute the following gaits and movements: (15)
   - a. working walk
   - b. free walk on a long rein
   - c. working trot
   - d. extended trot
   - e. working canter
   - f. 1 10 meter circle
   - g. 1 20 meter circle
   - h. leg yield right
   - i. leg yield left
   - j. shoulder-in
   - k. traverse (haunches-in)
   - l. 1 flying lead change

2. Perform a Training Level, Test 2 dressage test with reasonable proficiency. (Reader optional) (25)

3. Perform a Training Level, Test 1 dressage test without a reader with reasonable proficiency. (25)

(Total Mounted Points: 195; 65/seat)
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Level 5 – Horsemaster

This 4-H member, ____________________________________________, has
successfully completed all of the requirements in Knowledge, Dismounted
Abilities, and Mounted Abilities for Level 5 in the Osceola County Horsemaster
Project with an overall score of _______________ points out of a total 625 points.

This completion certifies the above member as an Osceola County
HORSEMASTER!

___________________________________  __________________
4-H Leader         Date

___________________________________  __________________
Designated Inspector                Date

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Osceola County 4-H Youth Agent    Date

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