

C Care Questions 2016

28. Explain how to care for and work a pony that lives out at grass:

- a. How many times a day do you check your pony that is turned out to grass?
- b. What do you look for during your checks?
- c. What time of year might your pony need extra feed, how would you give him hay in the field, especially if there are two or three turned out together?
- d. Why does your pony need shelter in the summer?
- e. How do you look after a pony that is wearing a rug?
- e. What do you do to get your pony ready to ride?
- f. Can you do lots of cantering if your pony has a full winter coat, why not?

29. Elementary watering and feeding and cleanliness of pony:

- a. How often do you water your pony?
- b. Is it important that your pony has clean water, how do you make sure his water is clean?
- c. Which is the most important feed for your pony, grass and hay or hard food from a bag?
- d. When is your pony likely to get thin, and when may he get too fat?
- e. What type of food might make him get too fat?
- f. Can you tell me how to hang up a hay net?

30. Groom a grass kept pony:

- a. When do you groom your pony?
- b. What brushes do you use?
- c. What brush would you use on his face, his tail?
- d. How do you get the mud off in winter?
- e. Can you show me how to use a dandy brush, rubber curry, or a flick brush.

31. Put on a tail bandage:

A Please show me how to put on a tail bandage, how long would you leave it on?

32. Know when a pony needs shoeing:

- a. How do you know when your pony needs shoeing?
- b. How often do most ponies need shoeing/
- c. If your pony is not shod will he still need to see the farrier, why?

33. Put on a saddle bridle and martingale:

a. Please put on a saddle, (with or without numnah), bridle and martingale, (standing or running).

34. Have some knowledge of correctly fitting tack:

- a. Does this saddle look the correct size? How much clearance do you want to see at the withers? Does the saddle wobble about?
- b. How do you know how tight the noseband, throat lash should be?
- c. How high should the bit sit in the pony's mouth, is this bit in a good place on this pony?

35. Be able to do up a curb chain correctly:

- a. Please do up this curb chain.
- b. If there are any spare links what do you do with them?

36. Know the correct fitting of a flash noseband:

a. Please do up this noseband.

37. Elementary care and cleaning of saddler (tack care after daily exercise):

a. How do you look after your bridle after riding?

b. How do you look after your saddle and numah after riding?

38. Know the main indications of health in your pony:

a. Can you give me two indications of health in a pony?

b. Can you see any indications that this pony is healthy?

39. Know how to clean a minor wound?

a. Your pony comes in from the field with a little cut on his leg, what do you do?

40. Know which wounds require veterinary attention:

a. What might make you think that you need the vet to help you with this cut?

b. Are there some types of wound that almost always require veterinary attention?

41. Understand the reason for anti tetanus vaccination and know when the pony you are riding was vaccinated?

a. Why do we give our ponies anti tetanus vaccinations?

b. When was your pony vaccinated?

42. Recognise when a pony is clearly lame:

a. What might make you think a pony is lame?

43. Explain how to load and unload a horse or pony safely, considering yourself and any helpers:

- a. What should you wear when loading ponies, why?
- b. Tell me how you go about leading the pony up the ramp.
- c. Do you tie up the pony, or put the rear bar, partition or ramp up first, why?
- d. Do you untie the pony or let the rear bar or ramp down first?
- e. Where should your helper stand to put up the ramp, why is this important?

44. Understand the importance and the means of protecting the pony's legs whilst travelling:

- a. Why is it important to protect the legs whilst travelling?
- b. What does your pony have on his legs when travelling?
- c. Do you know if you can use anything else?

45. Put on and take off stable and turn out rugs:

- a. Please put on this stable/turn out rug.
- b. How do you know how tight to do the straps?
- c. Please take off the rug.

46. Understand and show how to lift safely objects in general use around the stable yard, for instance feed and water buckets:

- a. Could you pick up that bucket and carry a little way and then put it down.
- b. What must you remember when you are picking up heavy things, why?
- c. How would you transport a feed bag across the yard?