

PLATINUM AWARD 1

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

PONY CLUB



Riding and Road Sense

4. Know the aids for turns and circles.

- a) Please tell me what aids you give to your pony to turn right.
- b) Could you show me where you put your legs and hands to circle left?

6. Discuss whether there is any loss of balance during transitions.

- a) What transitions have you done today where the horse lost his balance?
- b) What transitions feel the most balanced.
- c) Which transitions feel the least balanced?

7. Be able to perform a quarter turn on the forehand and know the correct aids.

Could you tell me the aids for turn on the forehand to the right? It is fine to point to one side or the other, if you prefer that to using left or right, or just show me where you would put your legs and hands.

9. Know the sequence of footfalls in trot

Please tell me the sequence of footfalls in trot
How does a pony use its legs when trotting?

11. Know the signals to give when overtaking and negotiating junctions

Please will you show me the signal you will use if you have to overtake a parked vehicle?

12. Know which roads signs must be obeyed and which signs are warning signs only.

What shape are warning signs on the road?
How do you know that a road sign must be obeyed?

What shape are the road signs that must be obeyed?

14. Be able to describe a Stop and Give Way sign.

Why is it important to know these signs?

What does a Stop sign look like?

Please describe a Give Way sign

15. Know how, and who, to thank when riding on the road.

Please show me how you would thank someone when riding on the road.

What motorists should you thank?

Can you think of a time when you might thank a cyclist?

Have you ever had a need to thank a pedestrian, or, when should you?

16. Know Countryside Access guidelines.

At what speed should you pass people on foot?

At what speed should you pass other riders?

Where is it legal to ride in the countryside?

Are horses allowed on footpaths?

Why must you close all gates?

Why is it sensible to ride quietly around the outside of livestock?

If you ride over fields when it is very wet what damage can you do?

Is it ever acceptable to ride over crops?

How do you recognise if a field is a planted crop?

Horsemastership

17. Know how to prepare a grass kept pony for riding at all times of year

Which time of year is it the most difficult to prepare a grass kept pony to ride?

What do you do in the summer to prepare a pony for riding?

What do you do in the winter to a wet and muddy pony, before and after you ride?

What is the danger in riding ponies with mud on them and with a wet coat, particularly under the bridle, saddle and girth?

18. Know different types of bedding and give reasons for choosing one particular type.

Can you name three types of bedding?

Have you worked with any of them?

Which one did you prefer?

Was there any reason that that horse had that type of bedding?

Why might you choose to use shavings?

19. Know why it is important that stabled horses spend some time out at grass each day.

Why is it necessary to get a horse or pony out of the stable every day?

Why does it matter if your stabled horse stands in all day?

20. Know the rules of feeding and why are important.

a) Could you give me two rules of feeding, and why these rules are important?

21. Have a thorough knowledge of all the items in a grooming kit, and use them effectively.

Please name the articles in this grooming kit.

What order might you use them in?

Tell me when, and when not, you might use a dandy brush?

Could you show me how to use a rubber curry comb, body brush, etc.?

Could you show me how to groom a horse's head?

How do you look after a pony's/horse's tail?

22. Know the differences between grooming a grass kept and a stable kept pony.

Why is there a difference between grooming a stable kept pony and a grass kept pony?

What do you do differently?

Do you use the same brushes?

Please show me the brushes you would use on a stable kept pony or horse?

24. Identify different types of bandages.

a) Please could you show me a stable bandage, a tail bandage, vet wrap, and an exercise bandage?

25. Know why padding must be put underneath bandages

- a) Why should there be padding used under bandages?
- b) Is this generally an important rule, or can we ignore it?
- c) What type of padding have you used?

26. Know the bones inside the foot.

Can you name the bones inside the foot?
How many bones are there in the foot?
Where is the short pastern bone positioned?

27. Know which tools the farrier uses when removing a shoe.

Which tool does the farrier use when starting to remove a shoe?
Which tools does he use to reduce the length of the foot?

28. Describe a hunter or general purpose shoe.

- a. Please name the features of the hunter shoe in front of you.
- b. What are the functions of these features?

29. Know what to check to see that a bridle fits comfortably.

What points do you look at when checking to see a bridle fits comfortably?
How tight should the browband, throat lash and noseband be?
How do you measure them?
How do you know if the bit is the correct width?

30. Know the names and actions of the more commonly known bits ie. Snaffle, forms of double jointed snaffle, happy mouth snaffle, Pelham, three ring gag.

Could you pick an eggbutt snaffle out of that pile? What is the action of this bit?

Could you pick a three ring gag out of that group of bits? Why would you ride a horse in that bit?

c) What is the action of a Pelham?

31. Recognise when a pony is in good or poor condition.

Is this pony in good condition? How did you come to that conclusion?

How would I know if that horse was in poor condition?

32. Recognise symptoms of illness.

What might make you suspect your pony or horse was ill?

What might you suspect if your horse had not eaten its feed?

Could you give me two symptoms that might make you think your pony could be ill?

How might he be standing if he was ill?

Why do you look at the water?

Why do you check the bedding?

What could make you suspect a horse or pony that is turned out in the field is ill?

33. Know when a horse should be isolated.

Why would you isolate a horse or pony?

What is involved?

If a pony has been in a stable when he becomes ill, what should you do with the stable?

34. Know how to care for a wound until the vet arrives.

You have decided that a cut needs the vet's attention. How are you going to look after the cut until the vet arrives?

What would you do with a cut that is bleeding?