Riding

18. To understand and describe the aids to halt, walk, trot, canter and circles, and be able to apply them.

a. Could you tell me the aid to ask your pony to go from walk to trot?
b. How do you ask your pony to halt?
c. How do you tell your pony to go from trot to canter? Which rein might be shorter on the left rein.
d. (Pointing) If you are going to go that way round a circle, which aid do you use to ask your pony to go into canter?
e. What is the aid for a left circle? Where does your outside leg go?
f. Why do you put the outside leg back on a circle?

19. Give a simple definition of a pony working forwards.

a. Could you tell me when a pony is working forwards?
b. What do I mean when I say a pony is working forwards?

20. Be able to explain rhythm.

a. Could you explain rhythm?
b. What is rhythm?
21. To have some knowledge of care and working a pony off grass?

   a. What do you think are the important points when looking after your pony who is living in the field?
   b. How often do you check the fences?
   c. How do you water your pony? When do you check his water?
   d. Are there any times of the year when you should look at the water quite often?
   e. Do ponies need shelter in their fields, what from?
   f. What time of year are ponies likely to get too fat?
   g. When might you need to give them hay?
   h. How do you know if your pony needs a rug?
   i. Do you find it easier to work your pony out of the field in summer or winter, why?
   j. What problems have you found working your pony in winter?
   k. How much do you need to groom your pony?

23. Have some knowledge of the correctly fitting tack.

   a. Could you tell me how you know how tightly to do up the throat lash/ nose band.
   b. What should you do with your numnah after putting on the saddle but before doing up the girth?

24. Know about elementary care of saddlery

   a. What do you do with your bit after taking off the bridle, why should you do this?
   b. Why is it important to have clean girths/numnahs/saddle cloths.
   c. How often might you wash numnahs or saddle cloths? How do you wash them?
   d. How do you clean girths?
27. Could you tell me the names of the items in this grooming kit?
   a. When do you use a plastic curry comb?
   b. Which brush do you use on your pony’s head?
   c. Which item do you use on his mane?
   e. When do you use a dandy brush?
   f. do you use any other brushes on your pony?

30. Know basic points of the pony. Know colours and markings.
   a. Could you show me where the neck, mane, shoulder, withers, back, dock, knees, hocks, and cannon bones are?
   b. Is there a chestnut pony in the ride, could you point to it?
   c. Do any of the ponies have a blaze?
   e. Where would you find a sock on a pony, can you see one anywhere here?
   f. What is the difference between a stocking and a sock?
   g. What colours are piebald/skewbalds?
   h. How many different colours of grey have you heard about?

31. Be able to recognise stable rugs, turn out rugs, and rugs suitable for travel and hot sweaty ponies.
   a. Could you find me a turn out rug from those rugs over there?
   b. Is there a stable rug there?
   c. Which rug might be suitable to go on your pony to travel him to a rally?