



## **D+ Questions 2016 Riding and Care**

### **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?



## Horse and Pony Care

### **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?