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Name of candidate	Safety	Understanding what Your Pony Needs	Training Ponies

	1. List what you should be wearing when riding in the countryside or leading a pony on the road; explain why each item on your list is important
	2. Show how to work safely with a pony when dismounted
	3. **Show, and understand the importance of, the correct way of lifting objects in general use around the stableyard (e.g., feed and water buckets) safely**
	4. **Explain how you would ride in the countryside and on bridle paths, showing an awareness of farmers' stock and crops**
		5. List and explain the importance of the Five Domains of pony welfare
		6. Give two examples of the physical/mental effects on ponies of:
		  a. Poor feeding and watering
		  b. Good paddocks and stables
		  c. Poor health (including the effects of injuries and pain)
		  d. Being unable to behave in a natural way
		  e. Being scared (e.g., of people or other animals)
			7. Explain how positive reinforcement works when training a pony
			8. Talk about how pressure and release works when training a pony
			9. **Describe how you could get a pony used to something scary (desensitisation)**
			10. Understand that ponies are herd animals; give an example of when this might be a problem and how you might avoid it
			11. **Describe some of the things that a pony might do if it is in pain, frightened, or insufficiently trained**

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Name of candidate	**Riding**		
	12. Present to the test in safe, tidy turn out 13. Check bridle, saddle, girth, and stirrups before mounting 14. Mount and dismount correctly on both sides, using a mounting block 15. Hold the reins correctly and at a suitable length for the work being done 16. Ride with stirrups of a suitable length 17. Alter stirrups when mounted 18. Tighten girth when mounted **19. Be working towards a balanced seat, independent of the reins** **20. Use legs and hands as aids to increase and decrease pace**	21. Show the difference between walking on a contact and on a long rein 22. Ride in balance without stirrups in walk and trot 23. Explain the difference between rhythm and tempo 24. Describe the sequence of legs in walk, trot, canter, and gallop **25. Show trot and canter in a balanced light seat with stirrups at a suitable length** 26. Ride in a correct, balanced position in walk and trot over poles on the ground	**27. Ride in a correct, balanced position over small fences (maximum height, 60 cm)** 28. Show a smooth progression from one fence to the next **29. Know the correct distances for trotting poles (in feet, yard or metres) for the pony you are riding** 30. Ride safely in closed and open order in a group 31. Ride independently in the open; explain why this might be a problem for a herd animal and suggest a solution 32. Ride up and down hills in walk and trot in suitable balance

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Name of candidate	Pony Care		Environment

	33. Explain how to care for and work a pony that lives out at grass
	34. Know the main signs of health in the pony; recognise when a pony is too fat or too thin
	35. Discuss how to check whether a paddock is safe
	36. Explain elementary rules of feeding and watering
	37. Show when to use positive rewards (food, scratching) when training a pony's stable manners
	38. Groom a grass kept pony
	39. Put on a tail bandage
	40. Know when a pony needs shoeing
	41. Put on and take off turn out rugs
	42. Put on a saddle, saddle cloth, bridle, and martingale
	43. Have some knowledge of correctly fitting tack (saddle clearing the withers; height of the bit; noseband tightness)
		44. Talk about elementary care and cleaning of saddlery (tack care after daily exercise)
		45. Know how to clean a minor wound
		46. Know which wounds require veterinary attention
		47. Understand the reasons for routine healthcare:
		  a. Equine influenza and tetanus vaccinations
		  b. Dental care
		48. Recognise when a pony is clearly lame
		49. Recognise signs that a pony might be unhappy (stressed, worried or anxious)
		50. Understand the means of protecting a pony's legs while travelling
		51. Explain how to load and unload a pony safely, considering yourself, the pony, and any helpers
			52. Explain how you can reduce waste related to looking after ponies.
			53. List the items that can be recycled in your yard
			54. Give two examples of how water may be wasted on yards