

GOLD AWARD 1

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



Riding and Road Sense

5. Know how to correct canter leads.

If your pony strikes off into canter on the wrong leg, what should you do?

How can you help him to canter on the correct leg next time?

11. Know how to ride across farmland.

What farmland can you ride on?

What is the difference between a planted crop and grass?

How should you pass stock?

What do you consider if the bridle path passes through a field of horses?

13. Know how to overtake stationary vehicles.

Can you tell me how you overtake a stationary car?

What hand signal do you use?

Where do you look?

14. Know how to ride around roundabouts.

How do you ride around a roundabout if you are going to turn left?

How do you ride around a roundabout if you are going to take the third exit?

15. Know roads signs and police signals.

What road signs do you know?

What hand signal will a policeman give if he wants you to stop?

How would you know if a policewoman wanted you to come towards her?

16. Know how to pass hazards.

How do you pass a hazard on the road?

Where do you want your pony to look?

How do you know the best time to pass the hazard?

17. Know how to use a T-junction Major to Minor and Minor to Major road?

Please tell me how to make a left turn from a major to a minor road.

What is a 'life saver look'?

Why do you look over your left shoulder?

Please tell me how to make a right turn from a minor to a major road?

If you have to halt to wait for traffic, where should you stand?

Horsemastership

20. Know how to care for a pony working off 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, and if not, why not?

22. Know how to wash down a hot pony.

What equipment do you need to wash down a hot pony?

Where is it safe to wash down?

How are you going to look after the pony after you have finished washing him down?

23. Know the rules of watering.

- a. How often do you water your pony?
- b. Why is it important that your pony has clean water? How do you make sure his water is clean?
- c. How much water is a pony likely to drink in a day?
- d. What should you do if a pony has not drunk any water overnight?

24. Know the rules of feeding.

Which is the most important feed for a pony, grass and hay or hard food from a bag?

When is a pony likely to get thin, and when may he get too fat?

What type of food might make him get too fat?

Can you tell/show me how to hang up a hay net?

Can you finish the rule, 'Water must be available'?

Can you finish the rule, 'Feed little and'?

21. Know when to give a thorough grooming?

What do you understand by a through grooming?

When is it suitable to give a pony a through grooming?

25. Describe the parts of the foot that can be seen.

Can you give me the name of the bottom of the foot?

What is the part of the foot shaped like a triangle when you look at the bottom of the foot?

What is the narrow area between the hoof and the leg called?

26. Know when a pony is off colour.

What might a pony look like when he is off colour, or not feeling very well?

Where might he stand in the field or stable?

What might his coat look like?

Do you think you might notice anything as you approach his stable door?

What would you think if he has not eaten his hay?

27. Know the symptoms of colic, colds and equine influenza.

How would you know that your pony was unwell with colic?

Can you tell me the signs that a pony has a cold?

What might make you think that a pony has flu?

28. Know how to protect against tetanus and equine influenza.

How are ponies protected against tetanus and equine influenza

Why do we give ponies anti tetanus vaccinations?

Why are some ponies protected against equine influenza with vaccinations?

29. Lead a pony in and out of a trailer and horsebox.

a. What should you wear when loading ponies and 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, and 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 and why is this important?