

# SILVER AWARD 1

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS



### Riding and Road Sense

**1. Know the aids to walk, trot and canter.**

Please could you tell me the aids to go from halt to walk?

What are the aids to go from trot to canter?

How do I tell the pony to go from trot to walk?

**2. Give a simple definition of a pony working forwards.**

Please can you tell me what you mean by a pony working forwards?

**6. Know the sequence of legs in canter.**

How does a pony use his legs in canter?

What is the sequence of legs in canter?

**10. Know the correct sequence of how to signal left and right.**

Could you tell me the correct sequence to signal to the left?

How would you give a signal to the right?

**11. Know what weather conditions it is not safe to ride out in.**

What weather do you think is not safe to ride out in?

What makes the weather safe to ride in today?

**12. Know how the pony may behave in bad weather.**

How might a pony behave in windy weather?

How might he behave if it is raining very hard?

What might he do if it is very frosty and slippery?

**13. Know what may frighten the pony and what may cause him to slip.**

What things may frighten a pony when out on a ride?

What noises may frighten him?

What traffic might make some ponies nervous?

What might make a pony slip?

### Horsemastership

**14. Know the names and uses of essential grooming kit and how to use them.**

Please could you pick out the dandy brush from that grooming box, and show me how to use it?

What item of grooming kit would you use on a muddy field kept pony?

What brush would you use on this pony's legs? Could you show me?

**17. Recognise different markings on the legs and body**

What is the difference between white socks and white stockings?

Where would I find an eel stripe?

What is the correct description black and white pony?

What colour is a pony with lots of spots on its hind quarters?

**18. Name the breeds of native ponies.**

Please tell me four breeds of native ponies?

**19. Put on a saddle and bridle and know if it fits, (noseband, throat lash, numnah only).**

Could you show me how you know if the throat lash fits?

How tight should the nose/brow band be?

Where do you position the numnah so it fits comfortably?

**20. Recognise stable, sweat and turn out rugs.**

Please pick out a turn out rug from that pile of rugs?

b. How did you know that this rug is a stable rug?

**21. Recognise basic feedstuffs hay, nuts, mix feed, sugar beet, and chaff.**

Could you pick out sugar beet from that selection of feeds?

Which is the mix feed?

c. What is chaff made from?

d. Will a pony be more excitable to ride when fed hay or nuts?

**22. Know how to give hay in the field to several ponies.**

How do you give hay in the field to three ponies?

If you use haynets, what must you be careful of when they are empty?

How do you make sure the other ponies do not chase away the timid pony?

**23. Recognise some poisonous plants.**

How might you recognise ragwort? Is there ragwort in that picture?

How do you recognise ivy? Is there ivy in that picture, or amongst those plants?

What colour are yew berries?

What do sycamore seeds look like?

What poisonous plants have you seen?