

GOLD AWARD 2

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



Riding and Road Sense

5. Understand the difference between tempo and rhythm.

What is rhythm?

What do you understand by tempo?

9. Know how to ride in pairs and groups on the road and in the countryside.

When you are riding on the road in pairs, how do you choose which horse or pony should go next to the curb?

Why should you not just canter off when riding with others?

How many riders should ride abreast along a road?

Can you ride anywhere in the countryside?

What must you remember if you go through gates?

Why does wet weather change how you ride across fields?

10. Recognise when roads are slippery.

How do you know if roads are slippery?

When is a road likely to be slippery?

11. Know how to ride across 'cross roads'.

How should you cross a main road?

If you are riding with friends, what might happen if you leave one person on the other side of the main road?

12. Name some reflective clothing ponies can wear?

How do you make sure a pony is seen on the road?

What can you put on his legs?

What can he wear on his back?

Have you seen anything else to make him show up?

13. Talk about observation, road positioning and signals.

Can you give me an example of how being observant can help to keep you safe?

If you wanted to turn left, where would you stand in the road?

How far back would you stand from a road crossing whilst waiting to cross?

Could you show me how you would hold your arm if you wanted to turn left?

Horsemastership

14. Describe the ideal stable.

Can you tell me what makes an ideal stable?

How big should it be for the pony we are looking at?

Why should the stable have a window or be well ventilated?

What do you like to have on the floor of the stable?

15. Know the names of stable tools and how they are used.

Could you pick out a fork to use in a straw stable bed, and show me how to use it?

Which is the shavings fork amongst these tools, and then could you show me how to use it.

What piece of equipment here would you use to skip out your pony?

Please could you pick up a brush and brush this little part of the yard for me?

17. Know how to cool down a hot pony.

If your pony is hot and sweaty at the end of the ride, how do you cool him down?

Why is it important to cool down a hot pony?

18. Know how to measure the height of a pony.

What do you use to measure a pony?

Where should the pony stand?

Traditionally we measured in hands, how big is a hand?

Are ponies measured in inches or centimetres today?

19. Understand that most of a pony's feed should be forage/bulk.

What is forage or bulk food?

Should a pony be fed more hay or more nuts or mix?

Why should we feed him more hay?

20. Know that some ponies require small amounts of additional hard feed.

Why do some ponies need a feed of hard food?

Which ponies do not require any extra hard food?

21. Recognize when a pony needs re-shoeing.

How do you know when a pony needs re shoeing?

Can you show me what you are looking at when you decide he needs re shoeing?

Can you tell me why your pony may need re shoeing, even if the shoe is not worn?

22. Know some causes of lameness.

Can you tell me some things that might make a pony lame?

Ponies can become lame from being too fat. What that is condition called?

What might happen if a pony is ridden down a track covered in sharp stones?

23. Know how to clean a minor wound.

If you notice a pony has a small cut, what do you do?

What do you use to clean the cut?

What should you put on the cut?

Is there anything to check in the pony's records, to ensure he is inoculated against a nasty condition?

26. Show to lift heavy objects safely.

Could you show me how to pick up that bucket safely?

If you had to move a bale of straw, which is the best way to move it so you do not hurt your back?

What must you remember when you are picking up heavy things and why?

How would you transport a feed bag across the yard?