

## QUESTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL RALLY STABLE MANAGEMENT CLASS 2008

1. The tendons in a horse's leg are slow to heal because of the lack of what supply.  
A poor blood supply
2. A horse eats and sleeps standing up. Why does he do this?  
Because he has a sensitive flight instinct
3. Horse's teeth need checking. How many times a year should this be done.  
Once a year at minimum
4. Name the digestive tract that goes from the lips to the anus.  
The alimentary tract
5. During a pre-purchase exam a flexion test is administered in order to check what condition?  
Spavin Irregularities
6. What is a word beginning with "C" that separates the hoof wall from the lower limb?  
The coronet band
7. Between what ages is the horse's digestive system the most efficient?  
Between 8 and 12
8. Lactic acid build up in muscles is the cause of what condition?  
Tying up or azoturia
9. What is the best way to increase fitness without increasing concussion on the limbs?  
Do uphill work.
10. What are the rider's natural aids?  
Legs, hands, seat, voice
11. Name three artificial aids a rider might commonly use on a hunter.  
Martingale, spurs, whip
12. If you are riding on a very slippery road, what precautions should you take?  
Remove your feet from the stirrups in case of a fall or dismount and lead your horse
13. When riding in snow, what preventive measures can you take before leaving the barn?  
Put a good amount of Vaseline in the underside of the hoof. Use studs.
14. Spot the Connection:  
Yew, laburnum, ragwort, hemlock, deadly nightshade.      Poisonous plants  
Gullet, waist, skirt, seat      Parts of the saddle  
Stripe, snip, star, blaze.      Facial markings  
Lip strap, bar, shank, roller      Parts of the bit
15. Double Meaning: give the two meanings for the following words

Chestnut  
Pull  
Muzzle  
Curb  
Forge  
Turn-out

Color – fifth toe  
Pull a mane, pull a shoe  
Part of the face – grass inhibitor  
Part of a bit, hock injury  
Farrier tool, hitting front shoe  
a Blanket, a confirmation fault

16. Odd one out: Name the one that doesn't belong:  
Shredding paper, Oat straw, wood shavings, peat  
Body, Water, Curry, Dandy  
Running, Standing, Irish, Grackle  
Colic, Canker, Corn, Thrush

Oat straw-they'll eat it  
Curry-not a brush  
Grackle-noseband  
Colic-doesn't occur in the foot

17. What is normal resting respiration?  
8-12

18. What is a horse's normal temperature?  
100 to 101

19. What is the normal pulse rate at rest?  
36-42

20. What does a red ribbon in a horse's tail mean?  
Possible kicker. Don't crowd

21. What does a green ribbon in a horse's tail mean?  
Green horse. Give room.

22. If a horse is "at grass" what should be provided for him in the summer/in the winter?  
Shelter, fresh accessible water at all times. Feed and hay in winter if necessary.

23. What is the minimum width for a stall door?  
4 feet

24. Name two types of flooring for stalls.  
Packed clay and rock dust. Rubber mats

25. What is the best grain for horses?  
Oats

26. Name two main types of hay?  
Alfalfa , timothy, orchard grass

27. How long should hay be stored before feeding?  
Six months is ideal but hay should be cool and dust free.

28. What does casting a shoe mean?  
The horse has lost it

29. How often does an unshod horse's foot need trimming?

Every six weeks or so depending on the season

30. There are five main reasons for lungeing a horse. Name three.

To teach riders

To exercise a horse that can't be ridden for any reason

To train youngsters

To do advanced in hand work

To retrain horses

31. What should be the minimum length of a lunge line; 13,16, or 20 feet?

20 feet

32. Where would you find a point pocket?

Under the saddle flap next to the girth webbing.

33. It is very important to feed a balanced diet. What are the normal proportions of such a diet?

One- sixth fat, one- sixth protein, two- thirds carbohydrates.

34. Your horse comes in with small bumps or hives all over him. What is the cause and what can you do for it?

It is caused by a sudden change in diet or something he ate in the field. It is often hot. You can leave it alone and it will usually go away by the next morning or, if severe, you can give azium powder.

35. Do horses get sunburned and, if so, where? What can you do?

Often on their noses if they are white. Apply sunscreen and a fly mask with a long "nose".

36. What color should the following be under normal conditions: Mucous membrane, urine, manure?

Pink, pale yellow, green if at grass or golden if on hay. Manure should never be too dry or too wet.

37. Your pupil's horse is having trouble finding its balance. What do you advise her to do with her arms?

Relax her shoulders so her arms can follow the movement of her horse.

38. How would you start to teach your horse impulsion?

First the horse must be going well forward and in consistent rhythm. You would push him forward with your legs into the bit while taking a small amount of pressure in the reins. You would make sure his rhythm did not change or that he did not "back off" your hands and legs.

39. Name three exercises to supple your horse.

Leg yield, shoulder in, travers, turn on the forehand, turn on the hunches, half pass, leg yield on the circle, spiral in and out, serpentines.

40. Why are ground lines in front of fences essential?

To help the horse access his take off point.

41. Why are gymnastics so valuable in training any horse?

To teach a horse to shift his weight to the rear

To become "handy"

To help him see a distance  
To build confidence  
To lengthen or shorten his stride  
To help him regulate his pace

42. What type of fence is ideal for your youngster's first jumping attempts? Why.  
A cross rail because it makes him focus and jump the middle of an obstacle.

43. What is the purpose of wearing a stock (not pre-tied) and a stock pin?  
It can be removed and used as a bandage for an injured horse.

44. What is the reason for high boots?  
To protect the rider's leg from a horse's kick.

45. If you fall and hit your head sharply, should you replace your helmet?  
Yes – also your helmet should be replaced every five years as the fibers tend to break down.

**THE END AND IF YOU KNOW ALL THIS YOU ARE ALREADY A STAR!!  
GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN .**