

# CANADIAN PONY CLUB



D2 LEVEL WRITTEN/ORAL

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References: MH Manual of Horsemanship – 13<sup>th</sup> Edition  
USD USPC Manual of Horsemanship D Level, 1995  
USC USPC Manual of Horsemanship C Level, 1994

Total Marks 80 Pass 52 (65%)

## Part A Stable and Pasture

12 MARKS

[2] 1. Give two disadvantages of keeping a pony at grass. MH 139 US D 160

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

[4] 2. List two ways to give water to a horse in the barn. Give one advantage of each. MH 154

a) \_\_\_\_\_

Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

[3] 3. Circle True or False

a. A running stream with a pebbly bottom and a good approach is a satisfactory

place for a pony to drink. MH 156 T F

b. Barbed wire makes a good paddock fence for your pony. MH 150 T F

c. A horse will normally drink about 27 to 54 litres (6 to 12 gallons) of water in  
one day? MH 158 T F

[1] 4. Why should stall doors always open outwards? MH 129

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[2] 5. To keep a horse safe and healthy, you should always check his pasture or paddock before turning him out. List two things for which you would be checking. USC 164

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**Part B Feeding**

**12 MARKS**

[4] 1. Give one reason why we should follow each of the following rules of good feeding. MH 158-162 US D 192-3

a) Feed little and often.

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b) Make salt available at all times.

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c) Feed plenty of roughage.

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d) Make changes to feed gradually.

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[2] 2. Name 2 grains which are suitable for horses. US C 196-197

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

[2] 3. Name **two** factors that help you decide how much a horse should be fed. MH 171

a)

b)

[2] 4. Name 2 ways that concentrates can be **processed** to be fed to horses. US C 196

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[2] 5. Name two kinds of roughage. US D 185

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**Part C Foot and Shoeing**

**10 MARKS**

[2] 1. List 2 signs that the **barefoot** horse needs its feet trimmed. MH 224 US D 206-207

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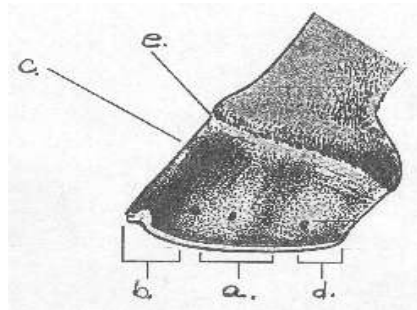
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[3] 2. For each statement below, tell if the horse was well shod (**WS**) or poorly shod (**PS**)  
MH 226 (1/2 mark each)

- a) The clenches are all at the same height from the bottom of the horse's foot. WS PS
- b) The horse's toe has been dumped WS PS
- c) You can see a few millimetres of shoe extending out past the edges of the hoof. WS PS
- d) The hoof has a level surface. You can see no spaces between the shoe and the hoof wall. WS PS
- e) The size of the nails matches the size of the shoe. WS PS
- f) The frog is in contact with the ground on a hard surface. WS PS

[5] 3. Name the parts of the foot.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_



**Part D Grooming**

**12 MARKS**

[3] 1. Name three grooming tools, other than the brushes and sponges, that can be found in a grooming kit. Tell what each tool is used for. MH 200-202 USD169-170

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

[1] 2. Which of the following is **NOT** a reason to groom a horse or pony: USD 168

- a) to clean the pony and make him look nice and feel comfortable
- b) to prevent sores from dirt under the tack
- c) to improve his digestion
- d) to promote good circulation of the blood.

[1] 3. Which brush should **NOT** be used on a pastured pony? MH p.210

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[3] 4. As part of the regular grooming process, small sponges should be used to clean which three parts of the horse? USD 170 MH 206

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_

[3] 5. List three things that tell you your pony is completely cooled out and ready to go back to the barn after riding? USD 162

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

iii) \_\_\_\_\_

[1] 6. A hot, sweaty pony who has just finished working very hard should be allowed to immediately drink as much cold water as he wishes MH 156 USD 163 Circle correct answer **True False**

**Part E Vet and First Aid**

**12 MARKS**

[3] 1. Tell the average temperature, pulse and respirations of a horse at rest. Indicate whether you are using degrees Celsius (°C) or degrees Fahrenheit (°F) for temperature. MH 340-341

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Pulse (at rest): \_\_\_\_\_ Respiration (breathing rate): \_\_\_\_\_

[2] 2. Name two things that you should do on a regular schedule (once per year, twice per year, every two months, etc.) to help keep your horse healthy. USD 215-216 MH 232-233 USC 206-20

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

[2] 3. What are two signs, other than limping, your pony may be lame? MH 375 USD 212-215

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

[3] 4. Explain what might cause each of the following wounds: USC 230

a) abrasion (scrape) \_\_\_\_\_

b) puncture wound \_\_\_\_\_

c) incised wound (clean cut) \_\_\_\_\_

[2] 5. List 2 signs of colic. USD 211-213 MH 365 USC 220

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part F Saddlery**

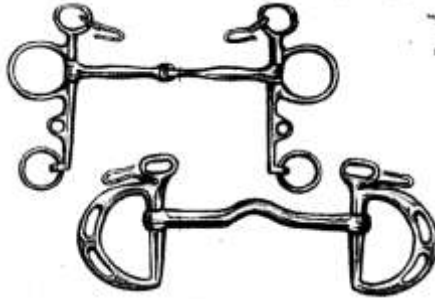
**12 MARKS**

[4] 1. Complete each sentence with measurements to tell how other parts of the bridle that should fit. MH 322 USD 270-272

a. The cavesson noseband should lie midway between the projecting cheekbones and the mouth. You should be able to fit \_\_\_\_\_ finger(s) between the cavesson and the cheekbone and \_\_\_\_\_ finger(s).between the cavesson and the front of the horse's face.  
(a number)  
(a number)

- b. You should be able to fit \_\_\_\_\_ between the throat lash and the horse's jawbone.
- c. The crown piece should have \_\_\_\_\_ extra holes above the cheekpiece buckles when the bit is correctly adjusted.  
(a number)

[2] 2. Print the name of each type of bit. US D 251-2



A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

[6] 3. Answer **True or False** MH 330 - 338 USD 256 -258

- a. It is best to use hot water to clean leather tack. T F
- b. Leather should be oiled every time that it is cleaned. T F
- c. Bits, stirrup irons and spurs would be cleaned by soaking them in warm water and scrubbing them with a pot scrubber or steel wool. T F
- d. Washable saddle pads, girths and girth covers should be laundered once a week using bleach to remove the stains. T F
- e. It is important to check tack frequently for worn stitching or other wear. T F
- f. If the soap that you are using on your leather lathers (makes suds), you are using too much soap. T F

**Part G Miscellaneous**

**10 MARKS**

[3] 1. Give the correct term for MH 394 - 402 USD 233-235

a young female horse under the age of four. \_\_\_\_\_

a coat colour that is golden with a cream mane and tail. \_\_\_\_\_

a horse or pony's mother \_\_\_\_\_

[2] 2. On what kind of surface should you measure a horse and how should the horse be standing?

MH 400-401 USD 234-235

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[1] 3. . If your horse doesn't want to load onto a horse trailer, what is one way you could encourage him to do so? MH 262-263

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[2] 4. The colour points are legs, tail, mane, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
MH 393

[1] 5. **True or False?** When turning a pony out in a pasture, you should lead him through the gate, then turn him around to face the gate, before slipping off his halter. US D 157

[1] 6. The location of whorls are often used in descriptions of horses who have no white markings. What is a whorl? MH 397

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