Horse Knowledge Part One Checklist Guidance



Horse Knowledge Part One	Notes for guidance
	Suggested answers:
 What items of Personal Protective 	□ Suitable footwear, hat, gloves
Equipment you would wear on the yard?	
 Why shouldn't you wear flappy clothing on 	□ The noise might scare the horses, get caught up
the yard?	
 List three hazards you might find on a yard 	□ Any acceptable answers from the booklet or covered in the session
List two rules you should follow on the yard	□ Any acceptable answer from the booklet or covered in the session
Why should you wear hi-viz when riding on	□ To make you more visible to other road users
the road?	
	Suggested answers:
What are the horses natural instincts?	□ Fight, flight
• How does the horse vision differ from ours?	 Their eyes are positioned on the side of their head, giving them good vision to the sides, blind spot immediately in front and behind
Why should you approach a horse from the	□ To make sure they see you
side?What type of knot is used to tie a horse up?	 Quick release knot
Why is this knot used?	 It can undone quickly in emergency
Why should you tie the lead rope to a piece	 To provide a breaking point, reduce the risk of injury if horse panics
of string?	 By the horse's shoulder

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- Where should you position yourself when leading a horse?
- Why should you turn the horse away from you?
- List the 5 welfare needs of the horse
- Give a reason why you need to meet these needs
- List a way you can ensure you meet each one of these needs
- What has the horse evolved to eat?
- Name three types of fibre
- What is the main difference between hay and haylage?
- Name two types of hay?
- Why is haylage wrapped in plastic?
- What can happen to the haylage if the wrap is pierced or damaged?
- Name two types of bedding suitable for horses
- Name two methods of providing water to horses in stables
- List three reasons for keeping a stable clean

Control the size of the turn, stop horse from standing on you

Suggested answers:

- Company, shelter, food and water, free from pain, disease and suffering, exercise normal behaviour
- Any acceptable reason covered in the booklet or the session
- Any acceptable method/suggestion covered in booklet or session

Suggested answers:

- Fibre based diet
- Hay, haylage, grass
- Hay is baled dry, haylage baled damp
- Seed, meadow
- To make it airtight and allow bacteria to breakdown sugars
- Air can get in, cause haylage to go mouldy

Suggested answers:

- shavings, straw, flax, wood pellets, carboard, paper or any other acceptable answer
- Buckets, drinker, tub
- Reduce risk of disease/illness, keep bed clean, reduce waste bedding, pleasant environment or other acceptable answer

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- List the tools you might need to skip out
- What do you need to make sure of when you remove droppings?
- Name three grooming brushes
- Which brush would you use on the horse's face?
- What is a metal curry comb used for?
- Describe how to pick up a front leg
- Which part of the hoof do you have to be careful to avoid when picking out the feet?
- Why should you use your fingers to brush out a knotted tail?
- What is the height measurement used for horses and ponies?
- What is the maximum height to be classed as a pony?

- Fork, skip, barrow, shovel, broom, poo skip and fork or any other acceptable answer
- Sieve the bedding, don't remove too much bedding

Suggested answers:

- Any three brushes listed in booklet or covered in session
- A body brush, face brush, brush with soft bristles
- To clean other brushes
- Safe procedure described
- Frog
- To prevent pulling hairs out

Suggested answers:

- Hands and inches, centimetres
- □ 14.2hh