

C2 Rally and Rating Tips

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Please keep these on file for your future ratings. The questions are ones that give a good indication of the depth of knowledge needed at each level. Only certain sections may be covered.

The guides are not meant to be comprehensive, they are only intended to get you studying on the right track. Many of the answers can be found in the Pony Club manuals. Additional resources include veterinarians, trainers, farriers, and graduate Pony Clubbers.

Memorizing this knowledge from books is a start but the examiners will also want to hear of practical experiences and applications of this knowledge. These guides should be used along with the standards.

***Most importantly, I hope there are never any answer keys made for these questions. It isn't necessarily these questions or answers that are the most important part. The studying and questioning that you have to do to find the answers will be the biggest value. ***

Good luck!
~Stormy

- Is it more important to bathe a horse regularly if he is kept in a stall, or out at pasture? Why?
- Would you rather have your horse in a wet and mucky, or hard and dry pasture? Why?
- Can you demonstrate how to feel a horse's pulse when you're nervous?
- Do you know how to read a mercury thermometer?
- What does it mean if your horse is "roughed out"? How would you feed this horse?
- When should you not feed a sick horse?
- What steps would you take to treat a minor cut on a horse's leg? What products might you use?
- What do you think is the safest fencing for horses and why?

- What do you think is the most dangerous fencing for horses and why?
- How does your horse get all the minerals she needs?
- Name and describe 5 toxic plants and where you might find them.
- Would you want a horse with a long back? Why or why not?
- Would you rather have a horse with long or short cannon bones? Why?
- Point to exactly where curb is on a live horse.
- Point to exactly where sidebone is on a live horse.
- Where exactly are the two places a horse can get spavins?
- What is the difference between the two types of spavins?
- How many splint bones does a horse have?
- What is different between loading and unloading a horse in a straight load versus a slant?
- Do you know the name of every vaccination your horse gets and how often?
- How can you prevent internal parasites besides deworming?
- Which internal parasites might your horse get? Name at least five!
- Can a horse get tetanus from another horse?
- Which jaw of the horse is wider, upper or lower? How does this affect the need for floating?
- What things would you make sure a D is wearing in order to be safe to ride?
- What things would you check on a D's horse before letting him ride?
- Have you practiced longeing on a regular basis while observing Pony Club safety rules?
- How would you know if your shoer is doing a bad job?
- Why would you use bell boots on a horse?
- Why might you use a crupper?

- Why might you use different tack for dressage and jumping?
- How often do you deworm your horse? What brands do you use?
- If you're thinking of turning your horse out in a new pasture, what things would you check first?
- How much shelter should a pastured horse have?
- How much should a pastured horse be blanketed?
- What is the average respiration for a resting horse?
- Now, go back and answer all of these questions from memory!

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