

## **LEVEL 1 WRITTEN TEST STUDY GUIDE**

### **PARTS OF THE HORSE**

Back	Mane
Chest	Muzzle
Ear	Neck
Forelock	Nostril
Forehead	Shoulder
Hip	Tail
Hock	Throat
Hoof	Withers
Knee	

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Multiple choice, True & False, short answers from Level 1 book

# LEVEL 1 DEMONSTRATION

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## CATCH AND HALTER

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Approaches horse at safe angle to shoulders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Made contact with neck or shoulders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Approaches quietly and communicates with horse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Halter is unbuckled and rope is not coiled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Places rope around neck quietly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Puts arm over neck to position halter and slips halter over nose.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Buckles and fits halter correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Leads horse on near side with right hand near halter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Left hand holds folds of excess rope.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. 4-Her leads horse, keeping his own body slightly in front of the horse's shoulders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Keeps horse under control and does not get tangled in rope.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Is safe when moving through the gate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Turns horse away from self when turning around.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Can move horse's hindquarters over from the ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Can back the horse from the ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Can move the horse's front end to the side.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Can tie horse up safely (16-18 inches) with a slip knot or approved clover hitch on pole or bowline on hitching post.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Does NOT tie on the cross fence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. 4-Her completed above without instruction or coaching.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS CHECKED (19 possible)

*Remember that the goals of Level I are a good foundation of safe, secure and simple basics.*

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## IDENTIFICATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Hoof Pick - Cleans the dirt from the hoof
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Curry comb - Rubber or metal - roughs up the hair to get the deep dirt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Dandy Brush - Stiff - used for flicking out the dirt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Body Brush - Soft finishing brush. Used also for the face.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Mane & Tail Comb - Takes the tangles out of the mane and tail.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Grooming Cloths - Polish the body and clean eyes, ears & nostrils. Can also use sponges.

## CLEANING THE FEET

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7 Hoof cleaned from heel to toe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Attention given to frog and cleft.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Cleaned feet in order: left fore, left hind, right fore, right hind or left fore, left hind, right hind, right fore.

## GROOMING

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Curry comb used in circular motions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Curried in sequence starting at the neck, breast, shoulder, fore leg, back, side, belly croup and hind leg. Did not go below hock/knee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Dandy Brush used to flick off dirt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Body Brush used.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Brushed head and face with care after finishing with the body.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Cleaned curry comb as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Remembers the fetlock area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Bends over – does not kneel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Mane & tail comb or Dandy brush used. Started at ends and worked toward roots.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Tough tangles worked out with fingers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Polishing cloth used over body.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Cloth or sponges used on eyes, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Ears,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Nostrils,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Lips,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Outer sheath or teat area,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Dock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. 4-Her moved from one side of the horse to the other safely.

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## SADDLING & BRIDLING

- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Blanket checked for foreign material.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Blanket placed properly - high on withers and slid back into place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Cinches not allowed to drag on the ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Cinches did not swing down to hit horse's legs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. 4-Her moved to off side to check straps and saddle position.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Cinches fastened properly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Untied and halter removed and placed about the neck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Bridled properly. Using thumb to open mouth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Didn't allow reins to drag on the ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. Care taken with teeth and ears.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. Throat latch secured and/or brow band adjusted.

## UNSADDLE

- \_\_\_\_\_ 39. Halter replaced about the neck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40. Bridle removed with care. Care taken with teeth and ears.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41. Halter replaced and horse retied.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42. Saddle and blanket removed without dragging cinches on ground.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43. Brush areas where hair was disturbed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44. 4-Her made verbal explanations as to procedure followed. Judge to ask question.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45. 4-Her was in control of horse at all times with firmness and gentleness.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS CHECKED (45 possible)

## LEVEL 1 RING TEST – SCORE SHEET

*(Based on 10 points each, for a total of 100 points)*

<b>Letter</b>	<b>Directions</b>	<b>You are scored on</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1. To O	Lead horse (saddled)	Leading safely and correctly		
2. O	Check tack and mount (Assistant will hold horse)	Safety check and mounting properly (Control of horse, not disturbing horse while mounting)		
3. A	Enter ring at walk Turn to right along rail Continue to C	Position, seat and control at a walk Not cutting corners		
4. C	Jog or trot (posting optional) Continue jog or trot to B without breaking gait	Position, seat and control at jog or trot Good corners		
5. B	Halt through the walk	Control while stopping Not hurting the horse while stopping		
6. B	Continue trot to M	Ability to get horse to trot from B		
7. M	Reverse without breaking gait in half circle, returning to rail at B	Turning and control while reversing at the jog or trot.		
8. B	Continue jog or trot to E without breaking gait	Position, seat and control at jog or trot Good corners		
9. E X	Turn and walk to center of ring Stop in front of judge. Back 3 steps.	Position and control while turning and stopping		
10. X	Dismount, prepare horse to lead. Leave arena, leading horse at walk	Dismounting safely in control of horse. Preparing and leading horse correctly and safely		
Total = 100 points possible		<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>		

Very small riders may have assistance in mounting

# LEVEL 1 RING TEST

