

**4-H HORSE LEARNING INFORMATION
(WITH ANSWERS)**

- 1) Should you walk ahead of your horse while leading her or him?
A. No
- 2) Is it O.K. to wrap the reins around your waist or hand?
A. No
- 3) Should you keep one horse length between you and the horse in front of you?
A. Yes
- 4) What part of the saddle do you step in to get on a horse?
A. Stirrup
- 5) Is a mare a female or a male?
A. Female
- 6) What part of the bridle goes in the horse's mouth?
A. Bit
- 7) T or F? All horses are gentle and don't spook easily.
A. False
- 8) What does it mean when a horse's ears are back?
A. It's suspicious, angry or ready to bolt.
- 9) Is a stallion male or female?
A. Male
- 10) What is a castrated stallion called?
A. Gelding
- 11) What is a male horse called when it is first born?
A. Colt
- 12) What is a female horse called when it is first born?
A. Filly
- 13) What is the term for getting on your horse?
A. Mounting
- 14) What part of the saddle holds it in place?
A. The cinch.
- 15) The off side of a horse is which side?

- A. The right side.
- 16) Is the conformation of all horses the same?
A. No. Although a horse's basic body conformation will vary by breed, all horses should have basic "athletic" structural attributes. A horse's conformation determines how well it can perform the functions asked of it.
- 17) A color varying from a golden color to a bright copper with white mane and tail is what color horse?
A. Palomino.
- 18) Founder or laminitis affects what part of the horse?
A. Hooves.
- 19) A hand is how many inches and what is it used for?
A. 4 inches, unit for measuring the height of a horse.
- 20) What breed of horse is characterized by leopard spot markings?
A. Appaloosa.
- 21) Equine is another name for what?
A. The class of animal that includes horses, mules, donkeys, zebras.
- 22) What is another name for a horse shoer?
A. Farrier.
- 23) Name two of the five basic horse coat colors.
A. Bay, Brown, White, Black, and Chestnut
- 24) What is a flaxen mane or tail?
A. Straw yellow or dirty white.
- 25) What is the vertical marking between the nostrils called?
A. Snip
- 26) What is the clipped area behind the ears called?
A. The bridle path.
- 27) What are you checking for when you clean and check a horse's hooves?
A. Stones, sharp objects, and thrush.
- 28) What is thrush?
A. Disease of the hoof often associated with unsanitary conditions, which causes decomposition of the frog and other hoof structures.

- 29) What is it called when you have put shoes on your horse?
A. Shod.
- 30) What does it mean when a horse's ears are straight forward?
A. It's interested in something or alert.
- 31) What does a "barn sour" horse do?
A. Always wants to turn back to where he started from.
- 33) Cloudy or opaque appearance to the eye can mean your horse has a what?
A. Cataract.
- 34) When the lower jaw is shorter than the upper jaw we call it a what?
A. Monkey mouth or undershot jaw.
- 35) Name the two primary classes of feeds.
A. Roughage and concentrates.
- 36) What have you done to a horse's mane if you have roached it?
A. Shaved it or cut it off.
- 37) Should you run and/trot on pavement?
A. No
- 38) What is the small hump at the point of the shoulder that the mount of the saddle sits on?
A. Withers.
- 39) Gymkhana means what?
A. Games on horseback.
- 40) How long is a horse's gestation period?
A. 335-345 days.
- 41) Is a quarter crack an unsoundness or a blemish?
A. Unsoundness.
- 42) An acute abdominal pain may be called what?
A. Colic.
- 43) Where is a toe crack?
A. On the hoof.
- 44) How many chromosomes does a horse have?
A. 33

- 45) What is the girth of a western saddle called?
A. Cinch
- 46) Can a horse see directly in front of his face?
A. No
- 47) What is a 2 beat diagonal gait?
A. Trot
- 48) About how many pounds of feed does the average 1000 pound working horse need a day?
A. 25 pounds
- 49) What is the average temperature of the horse?
A. 101 degrees.
- 50) In an equitation class, are good hands the most or least important?
A. Most important.
- 51) In a pleasure class is the rider or the horse being judged the most?
A. The horse.
- 52) What is the name of the part that is the “lower left bone below the knee and below the hock”?
A. the cannon
- 53) What are cold-blooded breeds?
A. Draft breeds.
- 54) What is the growth behind the fetlock joint called?
A. Ergot.
- 55) What is a green horse?
A. One with little training.
- 56) The name of the strap running from the girth between the front legs to the bridle is what?
A. Martingale.
- 57) Describe what posting is.
A. The rising and descending of a rider with the rhythm of the trot.
- 58) What is it called when horses have their teeth filed down?
A. Floating.

- 59) Fill in the blank: _____teeth interfere with the bit action and are usually removed in young horses.
A. “Wolf teeth”
- 60) What is “Parrot mouth”?
A. A condition in which the lower jaw is shorter than the upper jaw.
- 61) What is the bad habit called in which a horse “sucks air”?
A. Cribbing.
- 62) Can horses breathe through their mouths?
A. No.
- 63) What is the condition called when a horse’s hocks are together and hooves turned out?
A. Cow Hocked.
- 64) T or F? A horse has an excellent memory.
A. True.
- 65) What is the poll on a horse?
A. Top of the head just back of the ears.
- 66) What is the process called when you strap the front legs of a horse to prevent him from leaving camp?
A. Hobbling.
- 67) Inflamed swelling of the withers is called what?
A. Fistula withers.
- 68) A bending forward of the knee is called what?
A. Over in the knee.
- 69) A black line along the spine is called what?
A. Ray or dorsal stripe.
- 70) When a horse is free from any abnormal deviation in structure or function, which interferes with the usefulness of the horse, it’s called what?
A. Sound.
- 71) Any mark or deformity that diminishes the beauty, but does not affect the usefulness of the horse is called what?
A. Blemish.
- 72) When does a horse have a full mouth?
A. 5 years.

- 73) What are the 6 classes of nutrients/
A. 1. Carbohydrates 2. Proteins 3. Vitamins 4. Minerals 5. Water 6. Fats
- 74) Strangles is also called what?
A. Distemper.
- 75) The term "Zebra" means what?
A. Black stripes on the legs or withers.
- 76) What is the difficulty in breathing due to obstruction in the larynx called?
A. Roaring.
- 77) What is another name of the Equine Encephalomyelitis?
A. Sleeping sickness
- 78) What is the most dangerous internal parasite?
A. Bloodworm.
- 79) What is a wild horse called?
A. Feral.
- 80) How many teeth does a mature male horse have?
A. 40
- 81) How many teeth does a mature female horse have?
A. 36