

Level II Study Guide

This study guide is designed to prepare 4-H'ers to pass Intermediate Horseman: Level II. Questions were taken from the Nebraska 4-H Horse Project Manual (EC 2-91-76] and the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (4H373J. It is recommended the 4-H'er become familiar with the information on this study guide prior to taking the Written Test and Skills Test for this level.

1. Describe the correct methods of cleaning equipment.
2. Where should the saddle and bridle commonly be checked for wear?
3. When should a bosal be used and why?
4. Where should a horse be clipped to prepare it for halter and/or showmanship at halter?
5. When beginning a lope/canter in the left lead, what aids are used to cue a horse to lope/ canter from a standstill, walk or jog/trot?
6. Describe how to clean a horses front and hind foot. Identify the different parts of the horse foot and hoof.
7. If a horse is ridden with a snaffle bit, what parts of the horses mouth is the bit working on?
8. What is the difference between a curb and snaffle bit? Where does a curb put pressure on the horse's mouth/head? How does a curb work? A snaffle?
9. What are some breeds specifically bred for racing?
10. What are the main differences in conformation between a Quarter Horse and a Thorough bred? A Quarter Horse and an Arabian?
11. What is the maximum height of a pony?
12. What is a "hand"? What point on the horse's body is used to determine its height?
13. Describe different horse colors:
 - Buckskin-
 - Blue Roan-
 - Red Roan-
 - Gray-
 - Bay-
 - Albino-
 - Sorrel-
 - Black-
 - Palomino-
 - Grulla-

14. What is the difference between a blemish and an unsoundness? Identify several of each.

15. Become familiar with the rules of the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide.

Know the Following:

- Parts of the horse, including the hoof.
- Where unsoundnesses and blemishes are located.
- Parts and care of the foot and hoof.
- Horse markings and colors.
- Knot tying.
- Fitting and grooming for halter and/or showmanship at halter.
- Western riders: Identify different types of bits and mouthpieces, a bosal and mechanical hackamore, and know the use of each.
- English riders: Identify different types of bits such as snaffle, curb, pelham and kimberwick and know the use of each.
- Appropriate dress for the member's style of riding.
- What are the horse feeds used in this area? How will the amount and type of feed change during the differing levels of activity of your horse over the course of a year?