

Practice Exam for Applicant Judges

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Instructions

This exam consists of 50 multiple choice, true/false and short answer questions. For multiple choice and true/false questions, please circle the most correct answer unless the question calls for the incorrect statement to be circled. For short answer questions write your answer in the space below each question. All questions/answers have been sourced from the AQHA Rules and Regulations 1st August 2018 edition with additional rule changes effective 1st August 2019 that are on the web site. Please read all questions carefully prior to submitting your answers.

A pass of 80% is required.

1. It is the responsibility of the judge to ensure, prior to signing his/her card, that the number of entries, scores and placings are correct. True/False

2. A judge will:
 - a. Not appear on the grounds where the show is being held more than one (1) hour before judging
 - b. Not visit the horse stall area, not visit with owners, trainers, exhibitors or owners' representatives, not inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show before the judging (including the day prior to the show)
 - c. Not review the show catalogue until after the judging has been completed, but will be furnished a schedule of classes by the show management prior to the judging
 - d. All of the above

3. A judge can change their judges' card/sheet, if there is proper documentation and proof that a clerical error has occurred. True/False

4. Name three (3) types of English bits that can be used in Hunter Under Saddle

5. The following English equipment is NOT prohibited for showing:
 - a. Draw reins
 - b. English breast plate
 - c. Slip on spurs
 - d. English spurs with 3.5cm shank

6. Judges can give permission for jackets to be removed in inclement weather as long as the shirt being worn has a minimum of a long sleeve. True/False

7. List four (4) types of prohibited western equipment for showing in western pleasure classes

8. The port on a western curb bit must be no higher than 80mm maximum. True/False

9. The curb strap on a western curb bit must be at least 12.5mm in width. True/False
10. In any performance class, the judge can call contestants off the rail into the centre of the arena at the jog, where horses are worked on the rail. True/False
11. In the Halter class, any horse that becomes detached from its handler and is no longer under control by the handler will automatically be disqualified and excused. True/False
12. As per the description in rule 84.2 list four (4) characteristics of the ideal Australian Quarter Horse shown at halter.

13. In the Halter class, all stallions 2 years old and over are to have two visible testicles? True/False
14. The following items are approved attire for the Hunter In Hand class:
- a. Running shoes, elastic sided paddock boots or top boots, vest, gloves, jeans or dress pants in colours of cream, brown, blue or black.
 - b. Tie, vest, belt, collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt, minimum of short sleeve, in colours of white or black.
 - c. Collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt, minimum of long sleeve, in colours of white or black, running shoes, top boots, hat.
 - d. Top boots, elastic sided paddock boots, patterned vest, jodhpurs.
15. In the Hunter in Hand class, the bridle must have Egg butt snaffle, D-ring snaffle, O-ring snaffle, full cheek snaffle bit with keepers or a kimberwick. True/False
16. In the Hunter In Hand class the outside triangle must be 15 metres each side; inside triangle must be 10 metres each side. True/False
17. Choose the INCORRECT statement regarding Hunt Seat Equitation:
- a. To dismount the rider can either step down or slide down
 - b. At trot on the left diagonal the rider should be sitting in the saddle when the right front leg is on the ground, at right diagonal rider should be sitting in the saddle when the left front leg is on the ground.
 - c. At the canter the body should be positioned slightly more in front of the vertical.
 - d. The irons should be on the ball of the foot.
18. In the Hunt Seat Equitation class exhibitors can be worked individually from the gate or they can all enter at once but a working order must be drawn regardless True/False
19. List three (3) causes for disqualification in the Hunt Seat Equitation class:

20. Incorrect gait or break of gait at work or trot for more than two strides in the Hunt Seat Equitation class is a 3 point penalty. True/False

21. In the Hunt Seat Equitation class, excessive schooling or training is cause for disqualification? True/False

22. Running martingales are prohibited in the Pleasure Driving class. True/False

23. As per rule 90 list three (3) desirable attributes of the horse in the Hunter Under Saddle class:

24. Which of the following is NOT classed as a “fault to be scored according to severity” in the Hunter Under Saddle class:

- a. Failure to maintain light contact with the horse’s mouth
- b. Failure to take the appropriate gait when called for
- c. Breaking gait
- d. Over flexing or straining neck in head carriage so the nose is carried behind the vertical consistently
- e. Excessive nosing out

25. Contestants in the youth Lead Line class will be required wear a helmet and have a saddle with suitable stirrup length/buddy stirrups. True/False

26. Explain the two sections of the class format of the Lunge Line class:

27. In the Lunge Line class, the jog/trot will be scored on a scale of 0 – 7. True/False

28. In the Ranch Riding class, the judge may use a pattern other than the four (4) patterns included in the rule book as long as all required and optional manoeuvres are included. True/False

29. Which of the following are NOT three (3) point penalties in the Ranch Riding class:

- a. Draped reins
- b. Over bridled
- c. Wrong Lead or out of lead
- d. Break of gait at lope

30. List four (4) reasons for the competitor receiving a score 0 in the Reining class:

31. In the Reining class if a horse is out of lead for one complete circle a penalty of 4 points is applicable. True/False

32. In the Reining class please circle the INCORRECT statement:

- a. Refusing to change leads will not result in disqualification

- b. The judge may require any contestant to repeat his performance of any or all of the various parts of the pattern.
- c. Starting a circle at a jog or exiting rollbacks at a jog up to two (2) strides will incur a two (2) point penalty.
- d. On walk in patterns, failure to stop or walk before executing a canter departure will incur a two (2) point penalty.

33. In the Reining class, list one (1) reason for a no score

34. It is mandatory that the judge post any pattern(s) to be worked at least one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the class. True/False

35. List three (3) manoeuvres that can be included in a Showmanship at Halter class:

36. List two (2) 5 point penalties by a competitor when executing the pattern during the Showmanship at Halter class:

37. Scoring in the Trail class will be on the basis of 0-90, with 70 denoting an average performance. True/False

38. The following is NOT a one (1) point penalty in the Trail class:

- a. Split pole in lope over
- b. Out of lead or break of gait at lope
- c. Break of gait at walk or jog for two (2) strides or less
- d. Skipping over or failing to step into required space

39. In the Trail class, at least eight (8) obstacles must be used, three (3) of which must be from the mandatory list of obstacles and at least five (5) different others selected from the list of optional obstacles. True/False

40. List three (3) optional obstacles that may be selected for use in the Trail class:

41. In the Trail class the judge may remove or change any obstacle he deems unsafe or non-negotiable. True/False

42. List two (2) 3 point penalties in the Western Horsemanship class:

43. Which of the following is a 5 point penalty in the Western Horsemanship class:

- a. Loss of rein
- b. Over turn of more than 1/8 turn, but not more than ¼
- c. Exhibitor obviously looking down to check leads

d. Loss of stirrup

44. In the Western Horsemanship class exhibitors are scored from 0 to 70. One half point increments are acceptable. True/False
45. In the Western Pleasure class, safety helmets can only be worn by Youth or Riders with Disabilities. True/False
46. The Western Pleasure class will be judged on performance, condition and conformation of the horse; however, a maximum of 20 percent of the judging will be based on condition and conformation. True/False
47. List three (3) faults to be scored according to severity in the Western Pleasure Class:
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48. In the Western Pleasure class, excessive slowness in any gait, loss of forward momentum, will be cause for disqualification. True/False
49. How many patterns are available for the judge to choose from in the Western Riding class:
50. Which of the following is a three (3) point penalty in the Western Riding class:
- a. Out of lead beyond the next designated change area
 - b. Blatant disobedience including kicking out, biting and bucking
 - c. Hitting or rolling log
 - d. Simple change of leads