

# 2022 Michigan Skillathon - Horses

## NOVICE

1. Can a horse see what they are eating?
  - a. No
  - b. Yes
  
2. How many poles make up the pole bending pattern?
  - a. 8
  - b. 7
  - c. 6
  - d. 9
  
3. What is the name of the person at a rodeo who helps the rider off the bronc when the ride is completed?
  - a. Dismount man
  - b. Catcher
  - c. Bareback rider
  - d. Pick up man
  
4. What is the vocalization of a donkey called?
  - a. Bray
  - b. Neigh
  - c. Whinny
  - d. Nicker
  
5. What is the largest organ in the horse's body?
  - a. Heart
  - b. Skin
  - c. Intestine
  - d. Lungs
  
6. How many horses make up a unicorn hitch?
  - a. 5
  - b. 6
  - c. 4
  - d. 3
  
7. What is a rowel?
  - a. Toothed wheel on a spur
  - b. The strap to hold the spur on the boot
  - c. A type of snaffle bit
  - d. The name of a stiff brush
  
8. What do the initials TPR stand for?
  - a. Total Protein Ration
  - b. Target Pulse Rate
  - c. Temperature, Pulse, and Respirations
  - d. Treatment Plan Review

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9. What do you call it when you clip the horse's entire coat including the legs?
- Bridle Path
  - Blanket Clip
  - Body Clip
  - Trace Clip
10. An animal capable of shedding a disease-causing organism is known as a.
- Zygote
  - Bolus
  - Coggins
  - Carrier
11. What is the term used for a medication that is used to counteract a poison?
- Antidote
  - Elixir
  - Placebo
  - Magic Bullet
12. What term describes a horse whose upper incisors overhand the lower incisors?
- Wave mouth
  - Floating
  - Parrot mouth
  - Shear mouth
13. What does it mean when a horse is said to be "Head Shy"?
- It doesn't like its picture taken
  - Sensitive around its head
  - Throws its head when being ridden
  - A horse that puts its head down when being ridden causing it to trip sometimes
14. How is a sublingual medication given?
- In the muscle
  - In the vein
  - Under the skin
  - Under the tongue
15. What word describes a staggering or stumbling gait?
- Abnormal gait
  - Limping
  - Ataxia
  - Shuffling

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## **JUNIOR**

16. How many ribs does a horse have?
- a. 20
  - b. 18
  - c. 16
  - d. 22
17. The length of the neck plays an important role in the length of the horse's \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- a. Stride
  - b. Headset
  - c. Speed of gaits
  - d. Cannon bone
18. What is the term used when a horse is cantering on one lead in the front and a different lead in the back?
- a. Half Pass
  - b. Piaffe
  - c. Passage
  - d. Cross canter/counter canter
19. In pole bending, how far apart, in feet, are the poles positioned?
- a. 21ft
  - b. 16ft
  - c. 18ft
  - d. 19ft
20. How long is a horse's digestive tract in feed?
- a. Approximately 80 ft
  - b. Approximately 96 ft
  - c. Approximately 100 ft
  - d. Approximately 105 ft

## **SENIOR**

21. Where would you place your fingers to take your horse's pulse?
- a. Just inside the jaw or cheek groove
  - b. Bottom of the hoof on the frog
  - c. Along the inside of the fetlock joint
  - d. Under the tail
22. How do you measure the size of an English Saddle?
- a. From the horn to the cantle
  - b. From the saddle nail to the mid-point of the cantle
  - c. Pommel to the back to cantle
  - d. Measure from fender to cantle

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23. To keep their balance on sharp turns some jockey's will ride with one stirrup leather adjusted longer than the other. What is this term called?
- Aids
  - Crupper
  - Acey-deucey
  - Jodhpurs
24. Horses and ponies have 32 pairs or a total of 64 chromosomes. How many chromosomes do Donkeys have?
- 27 pairs or a total of 54 chromosomes
  - 33 pairs or a total of 66 chromosomes
  - 30 pairs or a total of 60 chromosomes
  - 31 pairs or a total of 62 chromosomes
25. What is coprophagy?
- Someone who loves horses
  - Eating feces
  - A beginner rider
  - A highly contagious disease caused by a virus

### **EXTRA QUESTIONS**

26. What is the ideal percentage for moisture content of hay when it's baled?
- 5-10%
  - 10-15%
  - 15-20%
  - 20-25%
27. What is a martingale used for?
- Control the height of the horse's head
  - Type of bridle with no bit
  - English style noseband
  - The longest of all riding crops
28. Which farrier instrument is commonly used to locate a painful area on the hoof?
- Rasp
  - Nippers
  - Anvil
  - Hoof tester
29. What type of knot forms the eye of the lariat that the rope passes through to form a loop?
- Honda
  - Dally
  - Hooey
  - Piggin string

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## Horse Study Guide Answers

- 1 A
- 2 C
- 3 D
- 4 A
- 5 B
- 6 D
- 7 A
- 8 C
- 9 C
- 10 D
- 11 A
- 12 C
- 13 B
- 14 D
- 15 C
- 16 B
- 17 A
- 18 D
- 19 A
- 20 C
- 21 A
- 22 B
- 23 C
- 24 D
- 25 B
- 26 C
- 27 A
- 28 D
- 29 A