

Oral Exam Judge's Sheet

General Description and Emphasis: This exam aims to test the theoretical basis needed for a good trainer and instructor, as well as to be good stewards of horses in their care. It contains 13 content areas spanning a wide variety of topics.

Procedures: For each exam there will be pre-selected sets of questions that contain one question from each content area. These sets are designed such that they are roughly equivalent in difficulty level to each other and are organized to include warm up questions that build to more difficult questions. The examinee will draw a number from a hat that corresponds to one of these question sets. The questions will then be asked in the order they appear on the questions sheet, which may, but does not necessarily have to, correspond to the order in which they appear on this oral exam sheet. Questions are designed to be answered in roughly 3-5 minutes, however there is no express time limit on question answers. The judge's reserve the right to stop the examinee when they believe the question has been answered or to ask redirecting or follow up questions.

Equipment: The examinee is not allowed to have any materials with them, however there will be an easel with a whiteboard and dry erase marker with which they can draw basic sketches to help explain their verbal answers.

Location: The test can take place in any place that allows for seating for the judges and the examinee in a non-public setting.

Element	Notes	Score
1. Ethics		
2. The Rider's Seat		

3. The Rider's Aids		
4. The Gaits		
5. Tack		
6. Basic Dressage Exercises		
7. Riding in Different Environments		

8. Riding Etiquette		
9. Understanding Different Requirements for Different Horses		
10. Teaching Skills		
11. Horse Training: Basic Training and Biomechanics		
12. Horse Behavior		

13. Preventing Accidents		
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