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2026 CHJA Horsemanship Practice Exam: *12 & Under*

1. Which grooming tool is used to loosen caked on mud and dirt from the pony's coat?
2. How do you determine the age of a horse?
3. A line set at 72 feet will ride in how many strides for the average horse?
a) 7 strides b) 6 strides c) 5 strides d) 4 strides
4. What is the tallest a mount can be and still be considered a "pony"?
5. What is the fastest and safest way to get off a moving horse?
6. Is it proper Pony Club attire to wear garters (leather knee straps) with breeches?
7. What is the purpose of a breast plate?
8. What is the normal resting temperature for a horse?
9. True or False: A good horseperson always puts a horse's welfare before their goals.
10. For a USEF competition, what is the maximum length of a riding crop?
11. With which of the following bit or bits would you use double reins?
a) Full Cheek Snaffle b) Loose Ring Snaffle c) Pelham d) Kimberwick
12. What is the most important piece of equipment for a rider?
13. What country do Fjord horses originally come from?
a) Denmark b) Norway c) Germany d) Scotland

14. While you are riding at a trot, what are you doing when you sit one extra beat and then continue posting?
(Example: Your rhythm goes up-down-up-down-DOWN-up.)
15. Name an important **tool** used to make adjustments to your leather tack so it will fit your horse properly.
16. What size is the circle that takes up the full width of the dressage arena?
17. **Western, Flat, Australian Stock and Racing** are all types of _____.
18. What two parts of the snaffle bridle are attached directly to the bit?
19. True or False: The rider's stirrup should be lengthened for jumping.
20. True or False: It is OK for a pony to be fed grass clippings in the summer months.

ANSWER KEY

1. Currycomb.
2. Look at its (front) teeth.
3. C) 5 strides.
4. 14.2.
5. Emergency dismount.
6. No, garters are only worn with jodhpurs. Breeches are only worn with tall boots.
7. The breast plate keeps the saddle from slipping back.
8. 99°- 101°F (37.5° - 38.5° C).
9. True.
10. 30"
11. Pelham.
12. Helmet.
13. B) Norway.
14. Changing your diagonal.

15. Leather punch.

16. 20 meters.

17. Saddles.

18. The reins and the cheek pieces.

19. False.

20. False