

Proficiency Test Level III - Advanced Study Guide

1. Define each of the following ailments, and how each affects the horse.
 - a. Fistula of the withers
 - b. Founder
 - c. Thrush
 - d. Rupture
 - e. Heaves
 - f. Colic

2. What are the normal vital signs for a horse at rest.
 - a. Heart rate: _____
 - b. Temperature: _____
 - c. Respiration: _____
 - d. Capillary refill time: _____
 - e. Color of mucous membranes: _____

3. Define what each term means in reference to a horse's conformation and appearance. If applicable, tell whether each trait is beneficial or detrimental.
 - a. Flop ears

 - b. Conformation

 - c. Withers

 - d. Pig eyes

e. Roman nosed

f. Dish faced

g. Ewe necked

4. Be able to explain the process of a horse's digestive system, including saliva production, intestines, and specific terms (such as cecum, ruminant, and mastication).

5. What are different kinds of parasites? What are their life cycles? Which kind of parasites are the most dangerous?

6. Explain proper care of each kind of tack

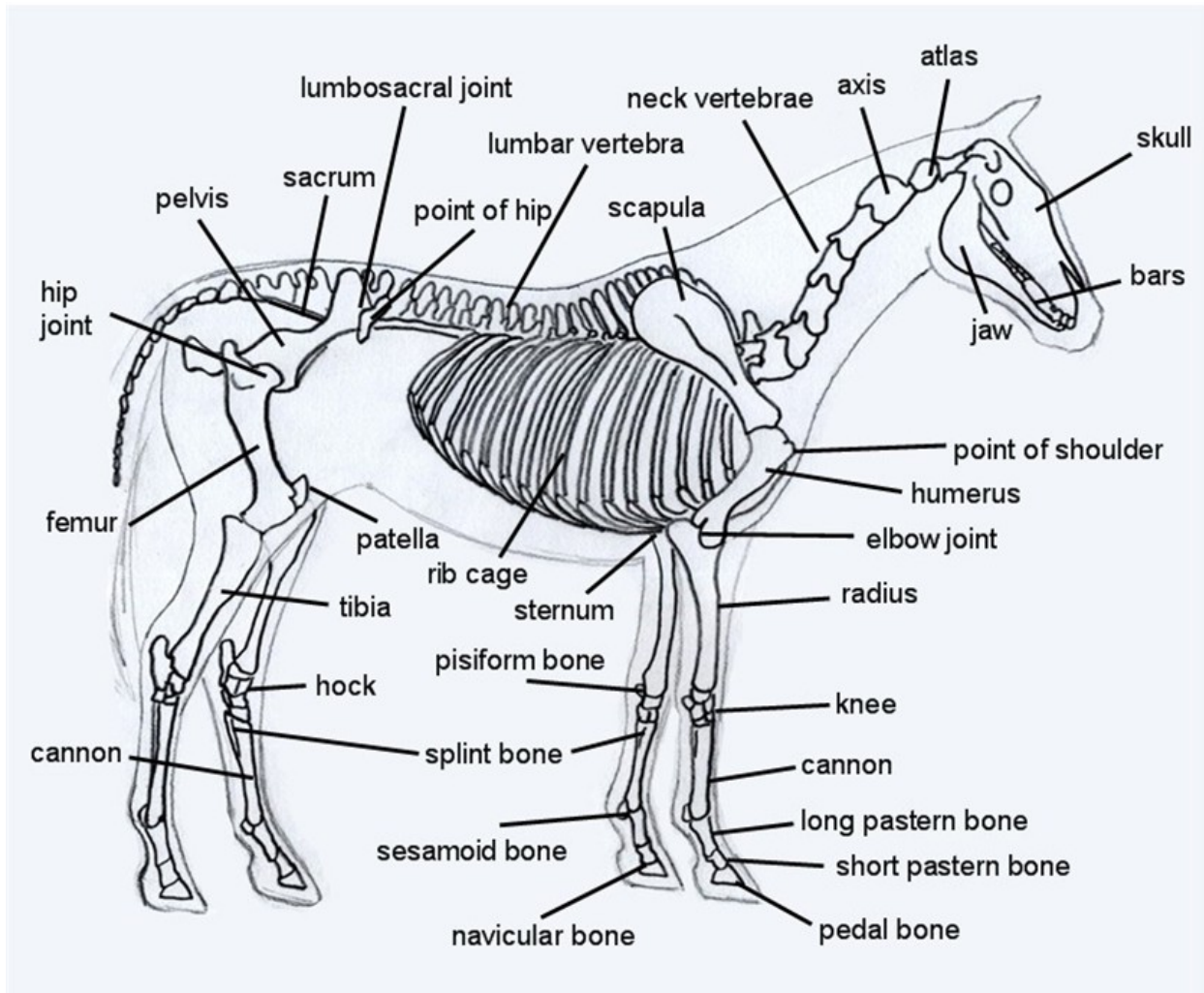
a. Leather (Saddles, Bridles, Boots, etc.)

b. Neoprene/Synthetics (Leg Protection, Synthetic Girths, Halters, etc.)

c. Sheepskin (Girths, Leg Protection, etc.)

d. Metal (Bits, Buckles, Snaps, etc.)

7. Know the basic bones of a horse skeleton



8. What is the proper way to lead a horse?

9. What is each of the following aids used for?

- a. Seat
- b. Reins/Hands
- c. Legs

10. Understand the basic rules of horsemanship and showmanship.

(If unsure, ask your 4H Adult Leader or Teen Leader for help)