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Study Tips

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Study Tips

➤ Establish a Routine

Set aside a particular time each day for study and revision and ensure that you stick to and follow it.

➤ Create a Study Environment

Set up a study area away from noise and other distractions such as television and radio. Let other house mates know that you wish to be undisturbed while studying (a sign on the door saying "Study in Progress" or similar will help to remind people not to disturb or distract you.

The study environment should have good lighting, comfortable seating and overall a pleasant environment.

➤ Look after yourself

Exercise regularly as it will boost your energy (ride your horse!), drink plenty of water and avoid sugary foods. Make sure you get enough sleep each night.

➤ Vary your study program

If you have different study areas vary between each subject daily. Do different types of work in different study sessions (e.g., read the workbook, watch the video, do the extension lessons).

➤ Reward yourself for studying

Catch up with friends, watch your favourite program or take part in your favourite hobby as a way of rewarding yourself for completing study requirements. It can help to set mini goals to accomplish to assist in keeping you motivated and completing the required work.

Study Tips (cont.)

➤ Essential Information

Ensure you have all the information you will need for the study session prior to starting such as reading materials, course profiles, assessment materials and textbooks.

➤ Use a term planner

Term planner will help map out what the upcoming weeks of study look like. Use different coloured pens to mark dates of commitments which cannot be changed, commitments which are important but not essential and another colour for when to start assignments and exam preparations.

➤ Use a daily organiser or planner

Use a to-do list all things you need to get done in the day in order of priority, starting with the tasks you must do, then should do and could do.

➤ Seek help

Whenever you come across a problem which you cannot solve or a concept you are having trouble understanding contact StudyHorses.

➤ Free Horse Site

Regularly visit Free-Horse-Site.com for regular blogs about horse care and riding. For full time students it is a compulsory part of your course to regularly read and contribute to blogs.

Study Tips (cont.)

- Read assessment questions carefully

The theory assessments or quizzes contain anywhere from ten to twenty questions per quiz. Some of these questions are multiple choice where you will need to select one correct answer from a list.

There are also multiple response questions which are similar to multiple choice in that there is a list of possible answer however there will be more than one single correct answer and all suitable answers will need to be selected in order to get the question right. These questions are indicated with the words “Multiple Response” before the question is stated.

Multiple Response: Which of the following measurements in inches and centimetres (you need to select two answers) are equal to one hand when measuring a horse?

Another style of question requires you to enter your own answer in an essay style response. When providing your answer ensure that you understand what the question is asking you and that the information you provide addresses what the question has asked. Also make sure that you meet the required word amount when answering. Failure to answer the question properly or provide sufficient information will mean you will be asked to re-submit your answer.

There are two styles of questions where you will be required to put a list into the correct sequence. One is a drag and drop style where you select the answer and drag it up or down to the appropriate position in the sequence. The other is where you select from a list in a drop down menu.

Starting with the choice 'no markings', continue to place the following markings in order from the least amount of white on a horses leg to the most


white sock/fetlock

white half stocking/cannon

-- Select --

no markings


white half pastern



Drop down

Starting with the choice 'no markings', continue to place the following markings in order from the least amount of white on a horses face to the most

- no markings
- blaze
- baldy face
- star
- stripe



Drag and drop

Study Tips (cont.)

Matching styled questions require you to match the selection with the correct answer. This is either in a drag and drop format or selected from a drop down menu.

Match the following descriptions about horses
(When completing this question, refer to the terms that are generally accepted in your area)

mare	female horse three/four years and under
gelding	male horse three/four years and under
stallion	female horse over four/five years

Drag and drop

Drop down

There are four common ways that man has made for identifying horses, match them to the correct description

a horse is permanently marked with scar tissue	-- Select --
a horses is permanently marked by discoloring the hair making it white	tattoo
a horse is permanently marked by making the skin very dark	-- Select --

Fill in the blank question require you to type in an answer. When providing the answer ensure that your spelling is correct and that you do not include any punctuation, doing so will mean you answer will be interpreted as incorrect. This style of questions accepts numbers and letters.

If today's date is 1st September 2010, how old could a horse be with this brand?

NQ7
17
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Hotspot questions will ask you to select a specific location on an image. Its as simple as a point and click.

On the image indicate where the frog is



Study Tips (cont.)

Finally there are true or false questions, which are fairly self explanatory. A question or statement will be given to which you have to decide if the information is true or false.

- Read practical assessment criteria carefully

Practical assessments can be time consuming so read through the criteria before undertaking assessment. Ensure you understand what you will be required to demonstrate in order to be assessed as competent. Addressing and meeting the assessment requirements the first time around will save time (and possibly money) as opposed to having to re-submit an assessment because you didn't demonstrate all that was required.

- Self assessments

There are three different sections of assessment in the practical assessment books. The first is a self assessment. This section is for you to conduct your own evaluation on how you perform the required exercises. Use it to ensure you are demonstrating the practical skill to the level and with the desired technique described by the assessment book. This section is designed to be carried out before you have a trainer/assessor assess you.

- Peer assessments

This is section two in the practical assessment books and is similar to the self assessment section in that it is designed to ensure you are demonstrating the practical skill to the level and with the desired technique described by the assessment book. A 'peer' is another person (friend, family member, work colleague) preferably with some horse experience, who can give feedback on your performance of the task. The self and peer assessments help to make certain that you are consistent in your ability to perform the assessment task.

- Trainer assessments

Trainer or assessor sections are for the qualified or suitably experienced person who will determine whether you are competent in the practical task. You are required to be assessed twice by a trainer, either on two separate occasions by the same trainer or by two different trainers. Again this makes sure you are consistent in your performance and execution of the task. More information on trainers/assessors (such as who is qualified to assess which sections practical assessment) can be found here:-

<http://www.studyhorses.com/education/Info/2009-11AssessorApplication.pdf>