

## Stage 2 – Study Plan

**The candidate should be able to:**

### Grooming

Know how to:-  
Strap, quarter and care for the horse after exercise.  
Plait manes and tails.

### Clothing

Know how to:-  
Fit blankets and various types of rugs.  
Bandage for warmth and protection.  
Wash and store rugs.  
Prepare a horse for travelling.

### Saddlery

Know:-  
The basic principles of fitting tack in everyday use.  
The cleaning and care of all saddlery.  
The inspecting of horses for injury from ill-fitting saddles, bridles, boots etc.

### Handling

Know and demonstrate safe, efficient procedures when efficiently carrying out practical work.

Stage 2 - Candidates need to be able to either carry out or have an understanding of the below.

### Lungeing

Know how to lunge a horse for exercise.  
Side reins, may or may not be used.

### Stable Design

Know the basic requirements of size and safe construction of a stable and its fittings

### Shoeing

Know:-  
The farrier's tools and their function, how to remove shoes in an emergency and the reasons for regular foot attention.

### Clipping & Trimming

Know:-  
The underlying purposes of clipping and trimming.  
Essential safety measures and procedures  
How to maintain clippers in good order.  
Know when and how to trim.

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### Horse Behaviour

Know:-  
The value of calmness and kindness in establishing the horse's confidence and improving his well being and therefore his work.

### Horse Health

Know when a horse is off colour or is not sound enough to be worked.  
Know the treatment of minor wounds and basic nursing and when to call the veterinary surgeon.  
Know the importance of regular worming.

### Fitting

Know how to relate condition, feeding and progressive exercise when bringing a horse up from resting at grass into regular work.

Know the process of cooling off after work and roughing off a fit horse.

*Regular work: Six hours per week  
At walk, trot and canter without straining*

For the Stage 2 Riding Section you need to be able to confidently do everything in the column on the right.

### General Knowledge

Know:-  
The Country Code, Safety measures and correct procedures when riding on the public highway.  
The correct procedures in the event of an accident.  
Know the aims and structure of the British Horse Society and the benefits of Membership.

### Grassland Care

Have basic knowledge of good pasture and its maintenance.  
Know plants which are poisonous to horses.

### Watering & Feeding

Know the advantages and disadvantages of various watering systems and the importance of water to the horse.

Know a variety of common feedstuffs and their respective values.

Have a practical knowledge of how to prepare specific feedstuffs.

Know the basic principles of feeding old, or sick horses, and horses and ponies at grass in all seasons.

Know how to make a simple feed chart.

### Riding Section

**The candidate should be able to:**

Ride a quiet experienced horse with an appropriate independent balance, depth & security of position.

Ride a quiet experienced horse forward at the correct speed for each gait.

Ride a quiet experienced horse with an appropriate rein length both with & without stirrups, and with the reins in one hand.

Ride a quiet experienced horse applying correct aids for canter leads and school figures.

Ride in harmony a quiet experienced horse.

Ride in the open and jump adopting safe procedures throughout.

Jump a quiet experienced horse with an appropriate rein length and contact, correct length stirrup and ability to use the legs.

Jump a quiet experienced horse with security and balance, showing fold and follow over a fence.

Jump in harmony a quiet experienced horse, whilst riding correct lines of approach towards and departures around a course of