



# HOFKA

## Horse Owners Feed Knowledge Award

### *Level 1 – Foundation*



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Please fill in your answers in the spaces provided and return to Baileys Horse Feeds in your own time. Please see the Baileys website and Complete range brochure for helpful information alongside any additional resources/references you wish to use.

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**General**

1. Name three rules of feeding (3)

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2. Why is it important to provide compound feeds and Balancers at the manufacturers/recommended quantity? (2)

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3. Over how long should you introduce a new feed to the horse's diet? (1)

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4. More haylage should be fed than hay. Is this true or false? Explain your answer. (2)

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5. What methods can be used to help monitor a horse's weight and condition? (3)

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6. Describe one reason fibre is an important aspect of the horse's diet? (1)

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7. The Body Condition Score scale is from 1-9. Circle which of the following scores best applies to this horse. (1)



4	Moderately Thin	Outline of ribs discernible although covered. Scapula and hips covered. Neck reasonably well covered with some top line.
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6	Moderately Fat	May have a slight crease down the back. Fat over the ribs feels spongy. Fat around the tailhead feeling soft. Starting to deposit fat down the withers and behind the shoulder.
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8	Fat	Definite crease down the back and fatty 'pads' around the tail head and over the shoulders and ribs. Apple shaped quarters.
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**Performance and Breeding**

1. Energy equals calories. True or False. (1)

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2. When would you administer an electrolyte supplement? (2)

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3. Using the arrows, match the workload to the level of exercise and discipline (3)

Quiet hacking. Light schooling.	Hard work
Racing. 75-mile Endurance rides. Grand Prix Dressage	Moderate work
Novice Eventing. Schooling 5/6 times a week. 1.20m Showjumping	Light work

4. What are the levels of starch and sugar in Baileys No.19 Performance Balancer? (2)

Starch: .....%

Sugar: .....%

5. Label the diets which would be most appropriate for:

A) A 1-month old orphan foal (1)

B) A 3-4-month-old foal (1)

- I. Mares Milk Replacer and Foal Creep Pellets
- II. High Fibre Cubes
- III. No.4 Top Line Conditioning Cubes
- IV. Stud Balancer and Alfalfa chaff

6. What could be added to the diet of a horse that is currently on a Balancer and maintaining their weight well but needs a little more sparkle and 'oomph' and why? (2)

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### **Clinical**

1. Which Baileys feeds have been accredited by BETA as suitable for horses prone to gastric ulcers? (2)

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2. Name four clinical issues that may be caused by inappropriate nutrition. (4)

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3. A) As a percentage of the horse's bodyweight, what is the minimum amount of forage that should be fed per day? (1)

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B) If you had an overweight pony that was being fed the minimum quantity of forage, what further measures could you take to help reduce the calorie content of the forage portion of their diet? (2)

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4. An elderly pony is suffering from loose droppings, what could be the possible causes of this? Discuss dietary and management changes that could be implemented to improve this condition. (5)

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5. What type of chaff is particularly beneficial for horses prone to, or with gastric ulcers and why? (3)

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6. Name a Baileys product that is suitable for an overweight pony prone to Laminitis. (1)

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Useful references:

**Baileys Horse Feeds**

Baileys Complete Range brochure

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