# BHSI – SM OBSERVATION SHEET

**SECTION 4a. BREEDING, STATIC ASSESSMENT OF BREEDING STOCK** & **4b GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT**

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| Age and assess static conformation of breeding stock using a systematic process.  Conformation –suitability for: possible career intentions, long term soundness, ability to breed, and ease of foaling.  Identify a horse’s suitability for breeding  Discuss the costs and ethics of breeding.  Discuss the planning and options available for breeding including veterinary implications and procedures.  Discuss the care of youngstock. |  | **BREEDING, STATIC ASSESSMENT OF BREEDING STOCK** (30 mins) |
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| Assess and evaluate grassland.  Discuss maintenance and improvement of grassland including practicality, environmental considerations, costs and enrichment, for a range of equine needs.  Discuss the use of land for hay and haylage.  Methods of maximising turn out potential.  Impact of turn out on welfare and social license. |  | **GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT** (30 mins) |
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| **PASS** | **FAIL** |

**PTO for unit criteria**

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| **GENERAL CRITERIA FOR THE BHSI STABLE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE** | **Achieved?** |
| Show practical competence and efficiency when handling a variety of horses | Y N |
| Show an awareness of current research and practice affecting horse management | Y N |
| Show developed Interpersonal skills in a discussion situation | Y N |
| Show developed knowledge across the range of subject matter | Y N |
| Show understanding of practical application of knowledge | Y N |
| Show ability to give clear instructions to assistants | Y N |
| Show ability to present knowledge as though to educate others | Y N |
| Show developed coaching skills across a range of practical stable management topics | Y N |
| Show awareness of personal limitations and ability to develop | Y N |
| Show practical competence and efficiency when handling a variety of horses | Y N |