

"A Bit of a Dilemma"

Team Problem

You recently started working as a groom at a stable. You were asked to tack up 4 different horses when you ran into a bit of a problem... the bridles hanging in the tack room all have different bits and aren't labeled! Using your knowledge base, the pictures of the bits, and the provided chart with information about each of the horses, complete the following tasks:

- Match each bit to the horse that uses it.
- Name each of the bits.
- Describe the material, mouthpiece, cheekpiece, and shank if applicable.
- Describe why each bit is an appropriate and effective choice for the horse it is used on.

Horse	Age	Training Level	Discipline
Horse 1	10	Advanced	Cross Country
Horse 2	5	Intermediate	Trail/Pleasure
Horse 3	3	Beginner	Dressage
Horse 4	3	Beginner	Western Pleasure



Bit A



Bit B



Bit C



Bit D

2017 NC State 4-H Hippology Contest Senior Team Problem Answer Sheet

Team Number _____

Please use the chart below to record your answers to the team problem. **You have a total of 15 minutes to prepare and to write your response as a team.**

Part A: Match each bit to the horse that uses it. (*Horse 1, Horse 2, Horse 3, Horse 4*)

Bit A	
Bit B	
Bit C	
Bit D	

Part B: Name each of the bits.

Bit A	
Bit B	
Bit C	
Bit D	

Part C: Describe the material, mouthpiece, cheek piece, and shank if applicable.

Bit A	
Bit B	
Bit C	
Bit D	

Part D: Describe why each bit is an appropriate and effective choice for the horse for which it is used.

Bit A	
Bit B	
Bit C	
Bit D	

Team Number: _____

Judge #1

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Team Problem Rubric - 100 points total**

Part A: Match each bit to the horse that uses it (5 points each)	Incorrect 0 pts	Correct 5 pts	
Horse 1 - Bit B			
Horse 2 - Bit D			
Horse 3 - Bit A			
Horse 4 - Bit C			
TOTAL			
Part B: Name each of the bits (5 points each)	Poor 0-1 pts	Fair 2-3 pts	Good 4-5 pts
Bit A - Baucher bit/snaffle or hanging cheek snaffle with jointed Happy Mouth			
Bit B - Elevator bit/Dutch gag/Continental gag/3-ring snaffle bit with Waterford mouth			
Bit C - Western D-ring snaffle bit with copper roller and dogbone mouth			
Bit D - Hackamore/mechanical hackamore/rope nose hackamore/German hackamore (NOT sidepull hackamore)			
TOTAL			
Part C: Describe the material, mouthpiece, cheekpeice, and shank if applicable (6 points each)	Poor 0-2 pts	Fair 2-4 pts	Good 5-6 pts
Bit A - see additional sheet			
Bit B - see additional sheet			
Bit C - see additional sheet			
Bit D - see additional sheet			
TOTAL			
Part D: Describe why each bit is an appropriate choice for the horse it is used on (9 points each)	Poor 0-3 pts	Fair 4-7 pts	Good 8-9 pts
Horse 1/Bit B - see additional sheet			
Horse 2/Bit D - see additional sheet			
Horse 3/Bit A - see additional sheet			
Horse 4/Bit C - see additional sheet			
TOTAL			
Grand Totals			
OVERALL SCORE			

Notes (can continue on back):