



# **English Proficiency Test for Aviation**

**Set 4- Pilot**

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## PART 1. TAPE-MEDIATED

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### Task 1. Introduction

**Directions:** You will be asked about yourself. Please answer in complete sentences.

1. Please state your name, and birth date. (20')
2. Before becoming an airline pilot, what type of aircraft did you want to fly and why did you want to fly that type of aircraft? (35')
3. Do you consider your job important? Why? (35')

## **Task 2. Read-back Radiotelephony Messages**

**Directions:** Read each message loudly and clearly. You have 20 to 40 seconds to read each message, depending on the time allotted. Begin speaking after the prompt.

Now read Message A.

- a. Cleveland Tower, Long-air 702, at the intersection of taxiway O and Runway 23R, ready for departure. (20')

Stop. Now read Message B.

- b. Hillton Ground, Midwest 625, Gate 11 with Information B, QNH 1011 hpa request start up (20')

Stop. Now read Message C.

- c. Clipper 667, holding, after departure climb straight ahead to altitude 2,500 ft before turning right to MIDES (20')

Stop. Now read Message D.

- d. Cleared straight in ILS approach runway 35 descend to 3,000 ft, QNH 1012 hpa, wilco Air Com 722 (20')

Stop. Now read Message E.

- e. Chamber Approach, Goodwind 675, declaring emergency, number 2 engine out, request emergency landing, over . (20')

### Task 3. Stating Own Idea about a Situation

**Directions:** Look at the picture below and answer the questions about it. You have 20 seconds to study the picture, and 60 seconds to answer each question. Now, study the picture. (20')



1. Describe the picture in as much detail as possible. Now describe the picture. (60')
2. How do you think this situation occurred? Now, answer the question. (60')

#### Task 4. Answering Questions about a Conversation

**Directions:** Listen to the following conversation between a pilot and an air traffic controller. You will be asked two questions about it. For each question, you have 20 seconds to prepare your answer and 30 seconds to respond. You may take notes while listening to the conversation. Now, listen.

(Audio Only)

Pilot: *Gisborne Radar, Sunair 219*

Controller: *Sunair 219, Gisborne Radar, go ahead*

Pilot: *Sunair 219, Livingston to Redlands, FL 180, we are not sure of our position, request radar vectors*

Controller: *We can assist you until you leave Guadalupe, for identification turn right 045 degrees, report new heading*

Pilot: *We are transponder equipped, request SSR code, Sunair 219*

Controller: *Roger, squawk 3614*

Pilot: *Squawking 3614*

Controller: *Sunair 219, radar contact, turn left heading 310, you are 12 miles to Brenton, maintain Fl 180*

Pilot: *Turning left heading 310, we'll maintain FL 180, Sunair 219*

1. What assistance was needed by Sunair 219 and why did they need that kind of assistance? Now, think about your answer. (20')

Now, answer the question in as much detail as possible. (30')

2. When instructed by the controller to turn right for identification, did the pilot follow the instruction? Why? Now, think about your answer. (20')

Now, answer the question in as much detail as possible. (30')

### Task 5. Creating a Story from Illustrations

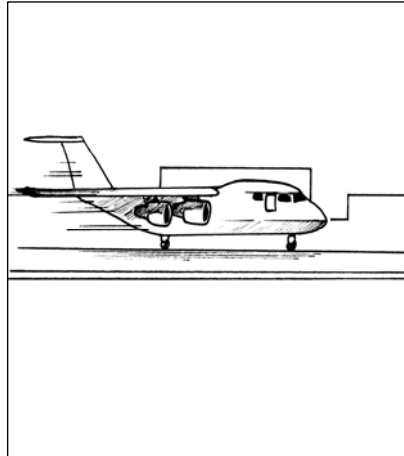
**Directions:** The illustrations below show a story. You will tell the story in your own words, based on the pictures. You have 20 seconds to prepare your story and 1 ½ minutes to tell the story.

Begin the story with:

*“Yesterday, a heavily loaded cargo plane was taking off from an airport.”*

Now, study the pictures. (20’)

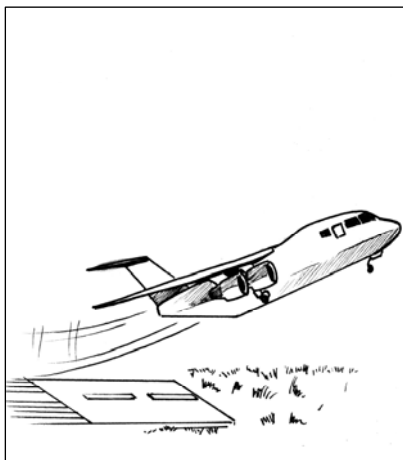
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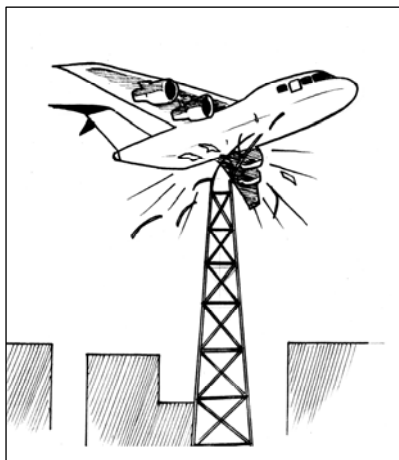
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Now, tell the story. (90’)

### Task 6. Responding to a Communication Problem

**Directions:** Listen to the following situation. Afterward, you will need to respond to a communication, then rephrase and clarify your response. You have 15 seconds to respond to the first communication. In the second communication, you have 45 seconds to clarify your response. No time will be given to prepare your response. Now, listen.

Imagine that you are the pilot of Air Pacific 111. You are now on the runway and ready to takeoff. You noticed, however, that a great amount of ice has accumulated on the wings of your passenger aircraft. Because of this you intend to cancel your takeoff and proceed to a de-icer facility in the terminal. The Tower Control calls you:

(Audio Only)

Tower: Air Pacific 111, cleared for takeoff

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ (15')

Tower: Air Pacific 111, say again, why are you canceling your takeoff?

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ (45')



## **Task 7. Responding to an Emergency**

**Directions :** Listen to the following situation, then explain how you would resolve the situation. You will also need to provide a sample of your radio message. You will have 30 seconds to think for the first question, then you will have 60 seconds to answer each question. Now listen to the situation.

(Audio Only)

You are on final for landing and you have advised your passengers through the passenger announce system that you will be touching down very soon. As you initiate the landing procedures, you hear several loud explosions over the radiotelephone. Looking out of the window, you see that several airport buildings are on fire. You contact the Air Traffic Controller to get information but the Control Tower seems to be one of the affected facilities since you are getting no response.

1. Will you continue to land at this airport or not? Now, think about your answer. (15')

Now, answer the question with as much detail as possible. (60')

2. Now, provide a sample of your message to your passengers. (60')

### **Task 8. Handling a System Malfunction**

**Directions:** Listen to the following situation, and explain how you would resolve the situation. You have 30 seconds to prepare your answer, and 1 ½ minutes to respond. Now, listen.

(Audio Only)

Immediately after takeoff, the number four engine of your passenger jet suffered an engine surge. You and your cockpit crews successfully carried out the shutdown procedure. You made a radio call to base engineers, who advised that continuing the flight to your destination is an option, but that the final decision lies with you.

As the pilot in command, would you decide to return to the point of origin or continue with the eight-hour flight to your destination? Now, think about your answer. (30')

Now, answer the question with as much detail as possible. (90')

### **Task 9. Expressing an Opinion 1**

**Directions:** Listen to the following question. You will have 30 seconds to think about your answer and 1 ½ minutes to make your response. Now listen to the question.

Some popular television stations are airing documentaries about the deadliest plane crashes. These documentaries make rich use of re-enactments, plus memories of survivors. Do you think such TV programs will put a bad image in commercial aviation? Why or why not?

Now, think about your answer. (30')

Now explain your opinion in as much detail as possible. (90')

### **Task 10. Expressing an Opinion 2**

**Directions:** Listen to the following question. You have 30 seconds to prepare your answer, and 1 ½ minutes to respond. Now, listen.

Modern aircraft do not need the services of flight engineers to operate. Two pilots can perform all the necessary tasks to fly these airplanes safely. Some people still believe, however, that transport aircraft would be safer if the two pilots are assisted by a flight engineer. As a pilot, do you think that the services of a flight engineer are no longer necessary?

Now think about your answer. (30')

Now explain your opinion in as much detail as possible. (90')

## **PART 2. INTERVIEW**

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### **Task 1. Introduction and Casual Conversation**

Interviewer: Good morning. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I will be your interviewer today. What is your name?

Interviewer: It's nice to meet you \_\_\_\_\_. How are you today?

Interviewer: So, tell me a little about yourself, what do you do?

### **Task 2. Giving Information about Day-to-Day Activities**

Interviewer: What airport is your favorite destination? Why?

### **Task 3. Providing Job-Related Information**

Interviewer: Tell me what enables you to successfully land your aircraft at night or when visibility is almost zero?

### **Task 4. Providing a Solution to an Abnormal Situation**

Interviewer: What would you do if, after takeoff, the landing gears fail to retract from their deployed position?

### **Task 5. Sharing an Opinion**

Interviewer: Some states and airlines are strictly enforcing the “closed cockpit door” policy to counter unlawful interference. This means that whatever happens in the passenger cabin the flight crew should never open the cockpit door. Do you think this is an effective control suppression to hijacking? Why?