



# English Proficiency Test for Aviation

Set 34- 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.

(Audio Only)

1. Please state your name and birth date. (20")
2. How do you balance your time between your family and your job? (35")
3. If given the chance, would you like to try flying a fighter jet? Why or why not? (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. Mooney 5241 maintain 2,500 ft fly heading 180, now switching to Montana on 126.55 (20'')

Stop. Now read Message B.

- B. Daytona Ground, King Air 742, on Midfield Ramp at M2, request taxi instructions to the active runway for IFR Departure to TIX with Information M (25'')

Stop. Now read Message C.

- C. Pacific 619 cleared to Golandia airport as filed, Luvi 3A Departure, climb and maintain 7000 ft, request initial level change en route, squawk 2013 (30'')

Stop. Now read Message D.

- D. Los Angeles Center, Transworld 374, DGT 35, FL 330, estimating SBO at 1210 (20')

Stop. Now read Message E.

- E. Mayday, mayday, mayday, TG 713, we have fire in the rear cabin, descending rapidly to 8000 ft, request emergency landing at Brenton, position, 27 miles east of Brenton, heading 090 (35'')

**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. Now, describe the picture in as much detail as possible. (30")
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 2 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: Clipper 623, reaching 12,000 feet*

*ATC: Clipper 623, roger*

*Pilot: Control, we're encountering severe icing in clouds, request climb, Clipper 623*

*ATC: Clipper 623, standby, call you back*

*Pilot: Rime has accumulated on the wings, we need to climb immediately!*

*ATC: Clipper 623, cleared to climb FL 180, report reaching*

*Pilot: Climbing to FL 180, wilco, Clipper 623*

*Moments later,*

*Pilot: Clipper 623, reaching FL 180, we still have ice at this level, request higher if able?*

*ATC: Clipper 623, can you accept FL 240?*

*Pilot: Affirmative*

*ATC: Clipper 623, cleared to climb to FL 240, report reaching*

*Pilot: Climbing to FL 240, wilco, Clipper 623*

1. Why did Clipper 623 need to climb immediately? Now, think about your answer. (20")

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

2. What happened after Clipper 623 reached flight level 180? 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, Captain Parkman had a flight.”

Now, study the pictures. (20’')

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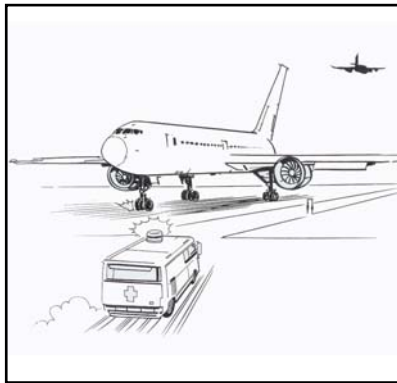
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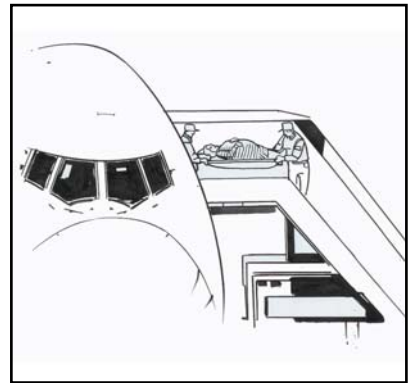
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Now, tell the story. (90’')

**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 BN 196 and are now on final for landing. As you extend the landing gears, there is no indication that the nose gear is extended and locked. The Tower Controller calls you on the radio:*

(Audio Only)

ATC: BN 196, continue approach, wind calm

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ (15")

ATC: BN 195, say again; what's the problem?

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 about the first question, then you will have 60 seconds to answer each question. Now listen to the situation.

(Audio Only)

You are the pilot of Dragonair 883. There is a slight drizzle as you turn to the active runway. When cleared by the tower, you advance the throttle, release the brakes and your aircraft begins to pick up speed. As your first officer calls out  $V_1$ , lightning strikes the left wing and ignites the fuel in the wing tank. There is a possibility of explosion so you are thinking of aborting the takeoff, but the aircraft has reached rotation speed,  $V_R$ .

1. What would you do in this situation? Now, think about your answer. (30'')

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

2. Now, provide a sample of your radio message to the air traffic controller. (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)

It is raining hard as you roll for takeoff. After climbing out and leveling at cruise altitude, you engage the autopilot. Moments later, you notice that the passenger aircraft is oscillating in pitch. You manage to stabilize the aircraft a few seconds after disengaging the autopilot. Engaging the autopilot a second time, the aircraft begins to oscillate again. You intend to fly it manually but you can hardly move the control column. You notice that the outside air temperature is below zero degrees Celsius.

How would you handle this problem? 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 have 30 seconds to prepare your answer and 1 ½ minutes to respond. Now, listen.

(Audio Only)

A survey showed that more aircraft accidents occur during landing and takeoff than during the cruise or en route phases. The survey concluded that the most critical phases of an airplane flight are during takeoff and landing. As a pilot, do you agree with the result of the survey?

Now, think about your answer. (30")

Now, explain your opinion with 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.

(Audio Only)

Airliners were so excited when the Airbus announced its latest aircraft design; the A380. Most major airlines have placed orders for the A380. What is amazing about the new aircraft is its capability to carry 800 passengers. As a pilot, do you think airlines will want another aircraft which is bigger than the A380? Why or why not?

Now, think about your answer. (30'')

Now, explain your opinion with 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 Habitual Activities**

Interviewer: How do you handle disorientation during a flight?

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

Interviewer: What is the autoland system and when do you use it?

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

Interviewer: What would you do if, during a flight, you notice that your co-pilot is unusually silent and seems to be suffering from some kind of psychosomatic illness?

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

Interviewer: Some airlines totally prohibit their pilots from reading books or magazines while in flight, even on long haul flights. When the autopilot is engaged, what do you think is the best way for pilots to cope with boredom?