



English Proficiency Test for Aviation

Set 35- Pilot

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PART 1. TAPE-MEDIATED

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. What is the most interesting part of your job? (35")
3. Do you still intend to fly airplanes even after retirement? 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. Auckland Ground Goodair 345, request pushback and start up, stand 12 with information F (20'')

Stop. Now read Message B.

- B. Southstar 368, approaching H2, after departure climb straight ahead until 3,000 ft before turning left (20'')

Stop. Now read Message C.

- C. Paris Control, BAW 617, request clearance to join W1 at XK, estimating XK 27 past the hour (20')

Stop. Now read Message D.

- D. Cleared to PVH, 7,000 ft, enter controlled airspace FL 10,000ft or below, hold PVH at 7,000 ft, right hand (20')

Stop. Now read Message E.

- E. Roger, descend 3,000 ft QNH 1021, heading 270 to leave JPT, Transcontinental 801 (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. Now, describe the picture in as much detail as possible. (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 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: Approach, CPA 908, 8000 ft. with information Kilo

ATC: 908, descent to 5000 feet, expect ILS approach runway 07, QNH 1001

Pilot: Descending to 5000 feet, runway 07, QNH 1001, 908

Pilot: CPA 908, JGA at 5000 ft, request straight in approach on ILS runway 07

ATC: 908, cleared straight in approach runway 21, report established

Pilot: CPA 908

Moments later,

Pilot: CPA 908, negative ILS

ATC: 908, you're a bit high, descend a little bit

Pilot: Still negative ILS, we're going around

ATC: 908, roger, standard procedure

1. What was the first instruction given by the controller to the pilot? Now, think about your answer. (20")

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

2. What did the pilot encounter and how did he react? Now, think about your answer. (20")

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

Task 5. Creating a Story from Illustrations

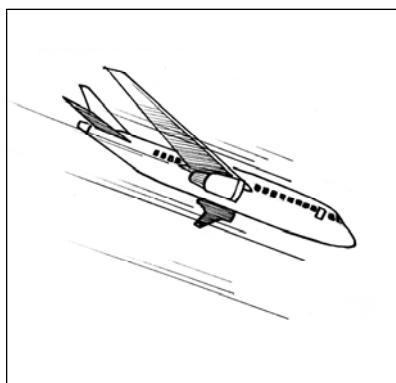
Directions: The illustrations below show a story. You will tell the story in your own words, based on the pictures. You have 20 seconds to prepare your story and 1 ½ minutes to tell the story.

Begin the story with:

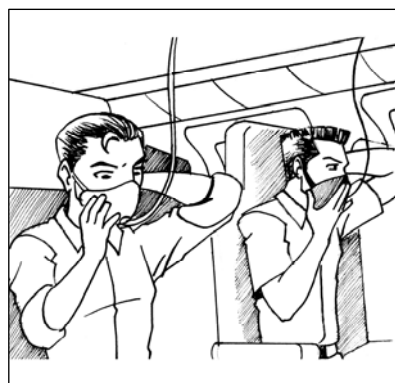
“Yesterday, Midwest 385 experienced rapid decompression.”

Now, study the pictures. (20’')

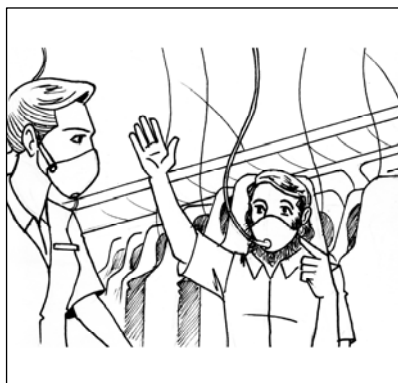
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Now, tell the story. (90’')

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 JG 327. You landed at an airport to refuel and departed shortly afterwards. During the climb out, you notice that the fuel tanks were not filled as you had requested. You decide to return. Then, the Tower Controller calls on the radio:

(Audio Only)

ATC: JG 327, contact Hamburg Control now 129.2

Pilot: _____ (15'')

ATC: JG 327, I didn't get what you just said, please repeat

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 in command of Southstar 512. Upon reaching your cruising altitude, you level the plane and engage the autopilot. Moments later, you start to smell something burning. This is also confirmed by your first officer. A few seconds later, smoke starts pouring out of the instrument panel and now the cockpit is filled with thick smoke. You want to open the door to the cabin to allow the smoke to escape from the cockpit but this might alarm your passengers. Now, you can hardly read the instruments even with your mask on.

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)

You are the pilot of an aircraft which is suffering from partial loss of control because the ailerons are not working properly. Adhering to the manual, you decide to land at the nearest airport. The air traffic controller warns you that the alternate airport is not equipped with a precision landing system but the runway can accommodate a passenger airplane like yours. Nearing the airport, you spot lightning several miles ahead of your intended course. You talk to the air traffic controller and he confirms that there is storm activity in the vicinity of the airport.

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)

Several European countries have banned certain airlines from other countries because they think that their aircraft are poorly maintained. The ban is intended to protect the citizens of these countries by prohibiting those aircraft from operating over their airspace. In your opinion, is the ban reasonable and fair?

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)

Fleet expansion by big airlines has resulted in the shortage of qualified airline pilots to fly an increasing number of aircraft. Do you think this pilot shortage problem is just temporary or is it a serious problem needing a long term solution?

Now, think about your answer. (30")

Now, explain your opinion with as much detail as possible. (90")

PART 2. INTERVIEW

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: What do you usually say to your passengers when you are ready to depart but are delayed for some reason?

Task 3. Providing Job-Related Information

Interviewer: How do you prepare for an emergency landing?

Task 4. Providing a Solution to an Abnormal Situation

Interviewer: What would you do if you are already scheduled to depart but are still waiting for some passengers to board?

Task 5. Sharing an Opinion

Interviewer: I have a friend who wants to take up a career in flying. He is 40 years old. Do you think he can still be an airline pilot? Why or why not?