



# **English Proficiency Test for Aviation**

**Set 37- 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. What makes you different from your colleagues? (35")
3. Describe your ordinary working day as a pilot. (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. Roger, after departure climb straight ahead until passing 2,500 feet then turn right heading 060, Bigbird 506 (20")

Stop. Now read Message B.

- B. Briggs Control, Southstar 662 is now descending to FL 120, will cross TRE VOR at FL 170 or above (20")

Stop. Now read Message C.

- C. Pennington Approach, Goodfly 246, out of 9,000 ft, descending 6,000 ft, approaching North Cross with information Golf (20")

Stop. Now read Message D.

- D. Sigma Air over BRIKE 52, FL 180, descending to FL 150, request direct to PIREL for ILS approach at Robindale (20")

Stop. Now read Message E.

- E. Taxi to runway 24 via C, hold short of G1, QNH 990, request wind information, Skipper 6231P (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: Rockside Tower, this is ZT 690*

*Tower: ZT 690, go ahead*

*Pilot: Tower, 690, we're over... (with open mike) where are we Jack? ...  
we're over the Small Island for landing at Rockside*

*Tower: 690, do you have the numbers?*

*Pilot: Ahh, Jack what's the ATIS? ... Roger, we got India*

*Tower: Roger, 690, what's your airspeed?*

*Pilot: Let's see, airspeed... how fast are we going Jack? ... 375 knots,  
Tower*

*Tower: What are you squawking, 690?*

*Pilot: We're squawking...Jack, what are we squawking...?*

*Tower: 690, would it be alright if we talk to Jack?*

*Pilot: Sorry about that, Tower... ah, where were we?*

*Tower: 690, standby...*

1. What did the crew fail to do in this situation? Now, think about your answer. (20")

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

2. Based on the conversation, why did the controller ask ZT 690 to standby? Now, think about your answer. (20")

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

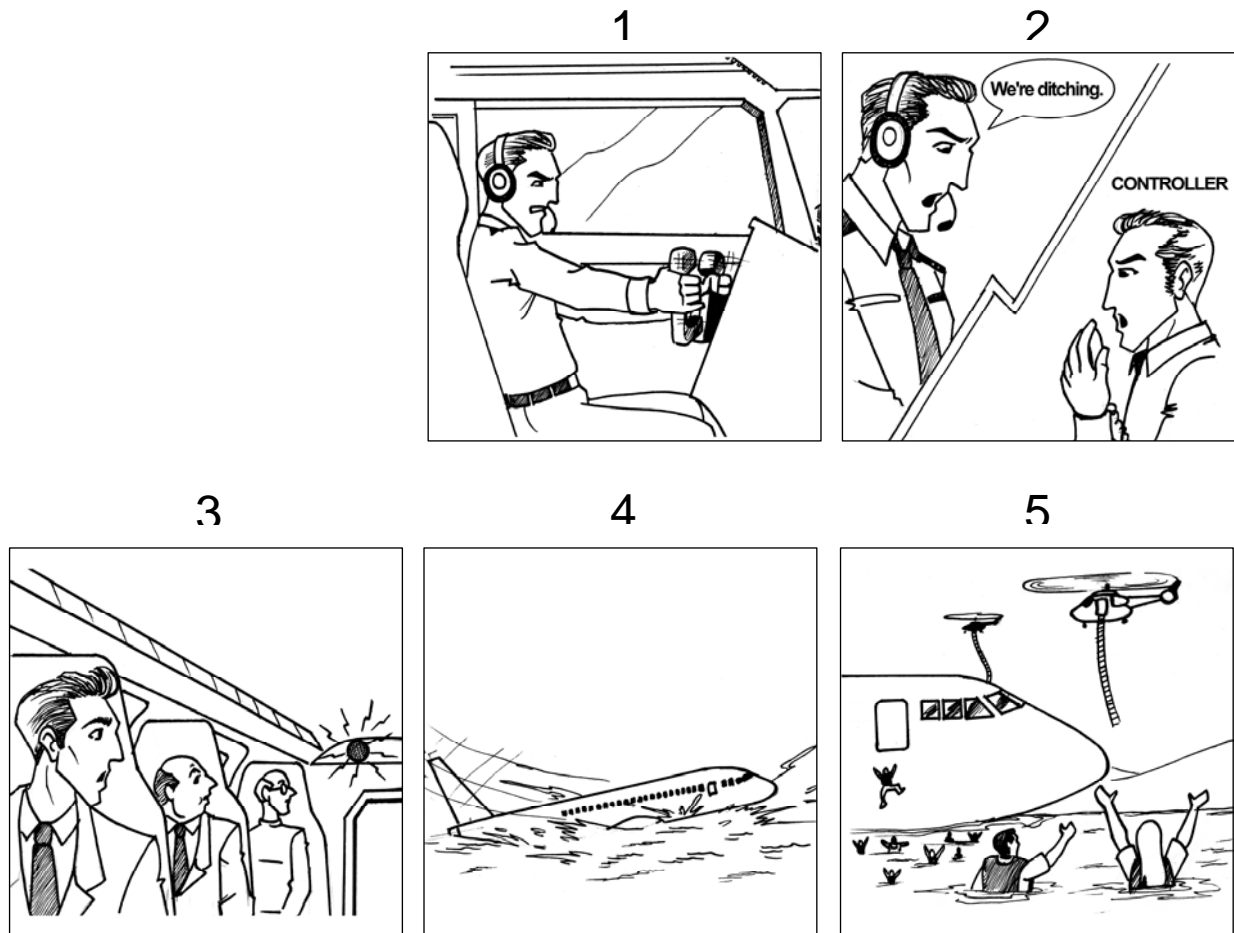
### Task 5. Creating a Story from Illustrations

**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, DynaAir 629 suffered a complete system failure.”

Now, study the pictures. (20’)



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 Skytour 783. As you taxi to the active runway, as instructed by the ATC, you notice that the steering system is not functioning well. You intend to request a tug to bring the aircraft to a nearby maintenance hangar. Then the tower controller calls you on the radio:*

(Audio Only)

ATC: Skytour 782, holding point H1, runway 22

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

ATC: Skytour 782, please 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 only the first question, then you will have 60 seconds to answer each question. Now listen to the situation.

(Audio Only)

You are the captain of JK 163. En route to your destination, a flight attendant reports that a man armed with a handgun has taken a child hostage. According to the flight attendant, the armed man wants the flight to be diverted to another country and promises that no one will be hurt if his demands are met. He warns, however, that failure to comply with his demands will mean death for the child and the other passengers. You know for sure that your aircraft doesn't have enough fuel to reach the place. The flight attendant says that the armed man wants to enter the cockpit with the hostage to talk to you.

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

Now, answer the question in 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)

One evening, due to unfavorable weather conditions at your destination airport, you are diverted to another airport which is unfamiliar to you. You estimate that you have just enough fuel remaining to reach the alternate airport. 40 miles from the airport, you try to contact the Approach Control repeatedly but you receive no response. To make things worse, your navigation receivers are not picking up any signal from the VOR and NDB stations which are supposed to guide you to the alternate airport.

How would you handle this problem? Now, think about your answer. (30")

Now, answer the question in 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)

Many airlines are planning to allow pilots to fly until they reach the age of 60. Some airlines are even considering letting pilots fly past the age of 60. Is safety really compromised if an aircraft is flown by a 60 year old pilot?

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.

(Audio Only)

Due to the rising cost of fuel, airlines are considering several ways to reduce fuel expenses. One airline is stripping the paint off its entire fleet of aircraft, leaving only the logo of the company. Do you think this is an effective option?

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 Habitual Activities**

Interviewer: What does the first officer usually do?

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

Interviewer: I know for sure that airplanes don't fly backward; so what is the thrust reverser for?

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

Interviewer: Would you still proceed to your destination if the landing gear in the nose fails to retract after takeoff?

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

Interviewer: Do you think it would be better for the passengers aboard an airplane if flight attendants possessed medical or nursing degrees? Why or why not?