

THE ENGLISH CENTRE

TEST 11

PART A- Personal Interview (10 minutes)

Start recorder

Good morning/afternoon. This is The English Centre test of Aeronautical English.

Instructions to Candidate:

This test is designed to test your English language skills. We will use plain English and will be talking about aviation. Your knowledge of operational procedures will not be taken into account. Please ask me to repeat any questions or instructions that you don't understand. This evaluation is being recorded but will be kept confidential at all times.

Do you understand?

The date today is...and the time is.....and the test will now start.

May I have your full name please?

And your license number?

1/Please tell me about your experience as a pilot.

Extension questions: (use 1 or 2)

- Tell me what you would change regarding your training?
- What aircraft would you most like to fly? Why?
- Can you tell me if you would recommend becoming a pilot to a young person?

2/ Can you compare....(use 1 or 2)

- Flying as a job and flying for pleasure.
- The differences or similarities between flying in hot areas and very cold areas?

3/ Tell me about....(use 1 or 2)

- When you achieved your first license
- What made you decide on flying as a career
- The importance of a single language in aviation

4/General questions. (use 1 or 2)

- What, in your opinion, could be done to improve safety in Aviation?
- Do you think that radiotelephony should be more standardized throughout the world?
- What do you think of the standard of English where you fly?

When candidate has finished, leave a pause, say "Thank-you". Start on Part B

Part B-Audio Comprehension (12/15 minutes)

In this part of the interview, I will turn away so that there is no visual contact between us. You will hear two short audios. The first one is an ATIS report and I will ask you to give me the answer to two questions which I will ask before you hear the audio.

The second audio is an aviation related situation and I will also ask you two specific questions.

The audios will only be played once but you may take notes. Do you understand?

(Turn away)

Audio number 1 is an ATIS report and the questions are;

- What is the frequency for clearance delivery? (123.875)
- What is the QFE? (1011)

I will now start the audio. **Play audio one; (ATIS PALMA DE MALLORCA)**

Wait for answers

Audio number 2 is about an aircraft that doesn't vacate the runway;

- Why was Shamrock 249 told to go around? (Because 227 made a 180° on the runway)
- What altitude is the second aircraft told to maintain after go-around? (2000 feet)

I will now start the audio. **Play audio two; (180 ON RUNWAY)**

Wait for answers

Turn back. Say Thank-you

Now you will hear an aviation related audio. Please feel free to take notes as you listen. When the audio has finished, I want you to tell me what you understood with as much detail as possible.

Are you ready?

I will now start the audio; **(Audio SPINNER)**

Wait for a full description. When the candidate has finished say "thank-you"

Have you ever heard of a similar situation?

Extension questions;

- What was the problem with the aircraft?
- Is damage to the propeller a serious problem?
- Why do they cut part of the un-damaged propeller blade?
- Do you think that aircraft owners should be able to do their own maintenance?

Advanced questions; (nº 1 is mandatory for Level 5 and nº 2 is for Level 6. Do not ask both)

1. Do you consider that an aircraft owner should be able to do maintenance on his own aircraft considering that it's his own property?

2. Do you consider that an aircraft owner should be able to do maintenance on his own aircraft considering that a lot of the time the repairs are simple and only affects the smooth running of his own aircraft and the safety of himself?

When the candidate has finished say,

Thank-you

Part C-Vocabulary, Interaction and Pronunciation. (10 minutes)

I will now show you an aviation related photograph. I want you to describe everything you see with as much detail as possible. You may keep the photograph in front of you while you describe it. Do you understand the instructions? (*If no, please repeat*)



After description. Thank-you

Extension questions:

- What are the problems of landing on the water?
- Do you think that seaplane operations are safe?
- Is this, in your opinion, an easy plane to fly?
- Can you describe the weather conditions?

To end the Interview, is there any aviation related anecdote or incident that you can tell me about?

When Candidate has finished, say "thank-you, this is the end of the Interview"