

# English for Aviation Practice Test 1

This practice test is divided into five sections: Fluency, Comprehension, Interactions, Structure, and Vocabulary. These sections mirror the ICAO skills areas. Pronunciation has not been included as it is difficult to self-assess.

This test is designed to help students assess how strong they are in each of the skills areas. The Fluency section gives students practice in describing pictures, a common element in English language tests. The Comprehension section uses audio from the book to test students' listening comprehension. The Interactions, Structure, and Vocabulary sections are multiple choice questions to test these skills.

There are fifty questions in the test, so it is easy to double the score to calculate the result in percentage terms.

# English for Aviation

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## Practice Test 1

### Fluency



Photo A

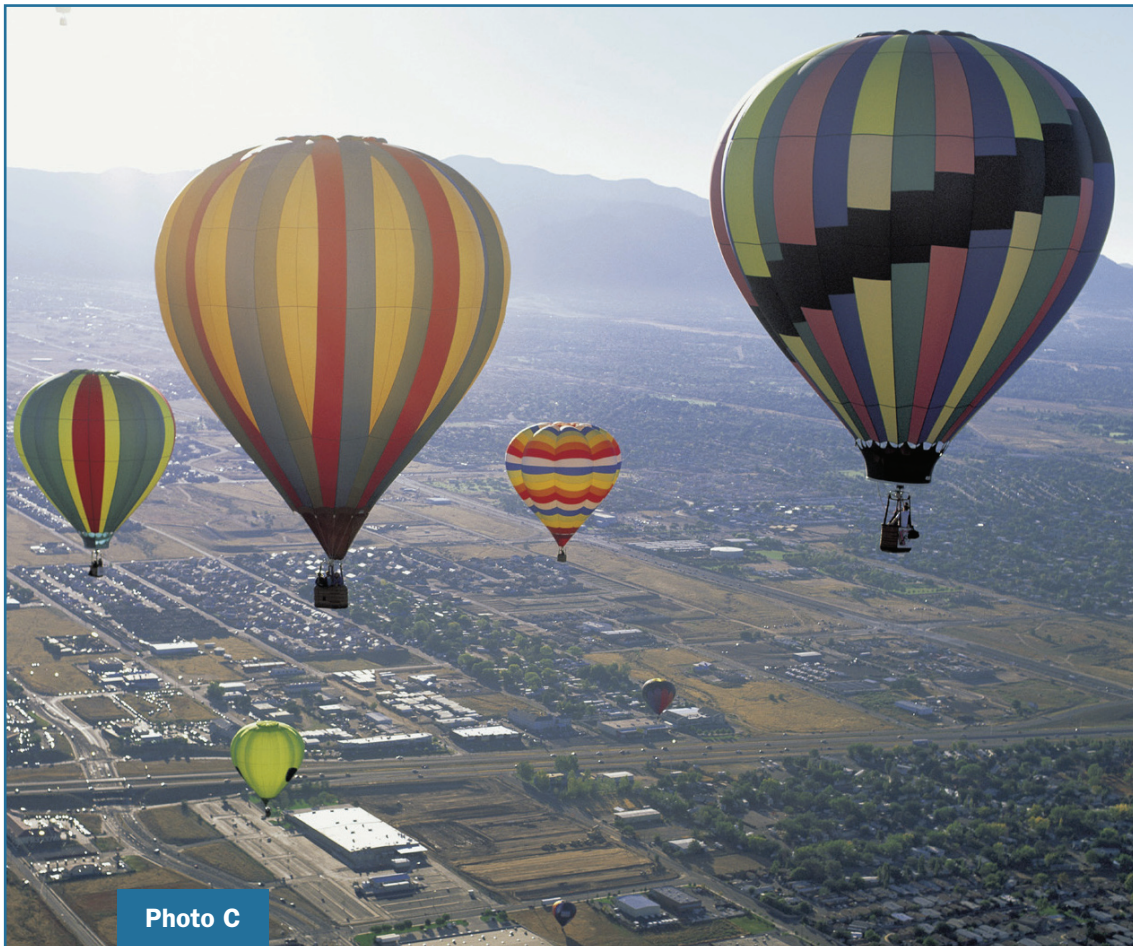
Choose the sentences that best describe Photo A.

- 1
  - a De-icing is taking longer than expected.
  - b De-icing finished more than 10 minutes ago.
  - c Singapore 107 is still waiting for de-icing to start.
- 2
  - a The apron is covered with snow and ice.
  - b The apron is covered with slush and water.
  - c The apron has been cleared once, and is wet in some places.
- 3
  - a Heavy fog has made visibility really bad.
  - b Snow isn't a problem today and visibility is good.
  - c Visibility is not very good, because of some blowing snow.
- 4
  - a The snowploughs probably won't be needed today.
  - b The snowploughs are working on clearing the snow again.
  - c If the weather becomes worse, the snowploughs will need to get to work.



**Choose the sentences that best describe Photo B.**

- 5**    **a**    The weather will probably change and it'll be foggy tomorrow.  
      **b**    It's been like this for two days, and we expect the bad weather to continue.  
      **c**    We had some clouds and rain last week, but the weather has been great since last Saturday.
- 6**    **a**    They finished boarding ten minutes ago.  
      **b**    They've been boarding for about ten minutes.  
      **c**    They expect to start boarding in about ten minutes.
- 7**    **a**    They need a push-back tug.  
      **b**    The push-back tug is standing by.  
      **c**    They'll push back as soon as the tug arrives.
- 8**    **a**    They had a delay, but the fog cleared.  
      **b**    There may be a delay until the fog clears.  
      **c**    Fog is expected later but they can leave before it comes.



Choose the sentences that best describe Photo C.

- 9**    **a**    The launch has been delayed indefinitely.  
      **b**    The balloons took off about twenty minutes ago.  
      **c**    They're expecting to take off in a few minutes.
- 10**   **a**    The air is perfectly clear.  
      **b**    It's a nice day, but there's a little haze.  
      **c**    After the sun comes up, we're expecting it to be a pleasant day.
- 11**   **a**    If the wind starts to blow, they'll have to land.  
      **b**    If the wind stops blowing, they'll be able to take off.  
      **c**    They weren't able to take off because there was too much wind.
- 12**   **a**    There aren't any roads in this area.  
      **b**    They've just landed on a busy road.  
      **c**    If they need to make a quick landing, they'll have to avoid busy roads.

## Comprehension

Listen to Audio 1.

Choose the best way to complete each statement.

- 13** The pilot is ...  
a asking for more time.  
b explaining a problem.  
c requesting information.
- 14** The pilot thinks there may be a problem with ...  
a documentation.  
b the weight of his load.  
c weather-related delays.
- 15** Ground says that ...  
a there isn't a problem.  
b the aerosols may be a problem.  
c he needs to check with Customs.
- 16** The pilot is ...  
a in mid-flight.  
b preparing to land.  
c preparing for departure.

Listen to Audio 2.

Choose the best answer to each question.

- 17** Who has a radio problem?  
a the tug  
b Ground  
c Lufthansa 158
- 18** What does KLM request?  
a a push-back tug  
b a change of stand  
c a maintenance truck
- 19** What is Lufthansa 158 doing?  
a taxiing  
b holding  
c loading
- 20** Why does Lufthansa 158 want a different stand?  
a His stand is blocked.  
b He's worried about the time.  
c He has a sick passenger on board.



## Interactions

Choose the best response to each question or statement.

- 21** Did the bird strike cause any damage?  
a Yes, it did.  
b No, it won't.  
c Yes, they do.  
d No, it doesn't.
- 22** We need services to remove this unruly passenger from the plane.  
a No, we won't.  
b Over there, near the door.  
c OK, the police will meet you.  
d Negative. Everything's fine here.
- 23** Are you on stand D45 or D54?  
a D45.  
b No, we aren't.  
c I've got it here.  
d Yes, it's on D45.
- 24** We're having trouble with the nose gear.  
a How long will it take?  
b Is that absolutely necessary?  
c Do you want to come in for a low pass?  
d Are you sure that's what you want to do?
- 25** Can we have more time?  
a You do.  
b Not for long.  
c It's 1430 now.  
d I can give you 20 minutes.
- 26** I want to check a load today.  
a Yes, we can.  
b No, he didn't.  
c OK, go ahead.  
d Yes, I think so.
- 27** What's the problem?  
a It's right over there.  
b We've tried everything.  
c There's plenty of time, don't worry.  
d There's some jet blast damage just behind the threshold.
- 28** We've just had a near miss with some vehicles near the end of the runway.  
a Not today.  
b Yeah, we saw.  
c That's the one.  
d It's over by the terminal.
- 29** How long can I expect to wait?  
a Right now.  
b No, you won't.  
c Since yesterday.  
d Half an hour, at least.

- 30** We have a passenger with severe chest pain.  
a Is there?  
b At what time?  
c Can he move it?  
d Is it a really crushing pain?

## Structure

Choose the best words to complete each sentence.

- 31** Can someone \_\_\_\_\_ the chocks, please?  
a move  
b moved  
c moving  
d to move
- 32** \_\_\_\_\_ the weather improved?  
a Do  
b Are  
c Has  
d Have
- 33** We're \_\_\_\_\_ unload the plane.  
a will  
b going  
c won't  
d going to
- 34** \_\_\_\_\_ passengers allowed in this area?  
a Is  
b Do  
c Can  
d Are
- 35** After we \_\_\_\_\_ the signboard, we realized our mistake.  
a pass  
b passed  
c to pass  
d passing
- 36** If it \_\_\_\_\_, we'll be delayed.  
a rain  
b rains  
c to rain  
d raining
- 37** Did you \_\_\_\_\_ to set the QNH?  
a remember  
b remembers  
c remembered  
d remembering
- 38** As soon as we \_\_\_\_\_ the noise, we knew there was a problem.  
a hear  
b heard  
c have heard  
d were hearing

- 39** Would you \_\_\_\_\_ me to check with your company?  
a like  
b likes  
c liked  
d had liked
- 40** The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ that this was the third incident this month.  
a say  
b said  
c report  
d to report

## Vocabulary

Choose the best word to complete each sentence.

- 41** There are two planes in \_\_\_\_\_ of you.  
a next  
b front  
c above  
d behind
- 42** Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ with the tanker?  
a stop  
b break  
c damage  
d problem
- 43** There's something \_\_\_\_\_ with it.  
a break  
b delay  
c wrong  
d problem
- 44** A snowplough is used for getting \_\_\_\_\_ of compacted ice.  
a rid  
b out  
c away  
d remove
- 45** The situation is under \_\_\_\_\_.  
a clear  
b solve  
c control  
d serious
- 46** Pilots \_\_\_\_\_ to get clearance for flight plans.  
a have  
b must  
c should  
d allowed
- 47** We're \_\_\_\_\_ stand C65.  
a in  
b to  
c on  
d for



- 48** Did the tug break \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- a in
  - b back
  - c over
  - d down
- 49** If I can keep \_\_\_\_\_ this speed, we won't be late.
- a up
  - b for
  - c into
  - d until
- 50** Can we delay departure \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 UTC?
- a at
  - b for
  - c until
  - d because

# Answer key

## Fluency

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 1 a  | 3 c  |
| 2 a  | 4 c  |
| 5 b  | 7 b  |
| 6 b  | 8 b  |
| 9 b  | 11 a |
| 10 b | 12 c |

## Comprehension

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 13 c | 15 a |
| 14 a | 16 c |
| 17 a | 19 a |
| 18 b | 20 a |

## Interactions

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 21 a | 26 c |
| 22 c | 27 d |
| 23 a | 28 b |
| 24 c | 29 d |
| 25 d | 30 d |

## Structure

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 31 a | 36 b |
| 32 c | 37 a |
| 33 d | 38 b |
| 34 d | 39 a |
| 35 b | 40 b |

## Vocabulary

- |      |      |
|------|------|
| 41 b | 46 a |
| 42 d | 47 c |
| 43 c | 48 d |
| 44 a | 49 a |
| 45 c | 50 c |