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CHAPTER 1. NATURE OF THE WRITTEN TEST

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>. This study guide was prepared by the Flight Standards Service of the Federal Aviation Administration to assist applicants who are preparing for the Flight Navigator Written Test.

The guide is not offered as a quick and easy way to obtain the necessary knowledge for passing the written test. Rather, the intent of this guide is to define the scope and narrow the field for study to the basic knowledge required for the Flight Navigator Certificate.

- 2. CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS. The general qualifications for a Flight Navigator Certificate require of the applicant a combination of experience, knowledge, and skill. The applicant should, therefore, carefully review the applicable sections of Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 63, for detailed information on these basic qualifications.
- 3. TYPE OF TEST. The Flight Navigator Written Test consists of the following four sections:
 - a. Federal Aviation Regulations.
 - b. Fundamentals of Air Navigation.
 - c. Meteorology.
 - d. Plotting and Computing.

In view of the scope and depth of knowledge required, the test is administered in separate parts in the following format:

- a. PART I (Time allowance -- 3 Hours)
 - (1) Section 1 Federal Aviation Regulations
 - (2) Section 2 Fundamentals of Air Navigation
 - (3) Section 3 Meteorology
- b. PART II (Time allowance--5 Hours)
 - (1) Section 4 Plotting and Computing (First Half)
- c. PART III (Time allowance--5 Hours)
 - (1) Section 4 Plotting and Computing (Second Half)

Test items are of the multiple choice type, similar to those shown in the sample test in this guide.

- b. NOTE: Familiarity with ICAO, Annex 2--Rules of the Air--is required as prescribed in FAR 91.1.
- 7. FAR 121--CERTIFICATION AND OPERATIONS: AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF LARGE AIRCRAFT.
 - a. Subpart I Airplane Performance Operating Limitations
 - (1) Applicability (121.171)
 - (2) General (121.173)
 - (3) Transport category aircraft: reciprocating engine powered: weight limitations (121.175)
 - (4) Transport category airplanes: turbine engine powered: landing limitations: destination airports (121.195)
 - b. Subpart M Airman and Crewmember Requirements
 - (1) Flight navigator: flag and supplemental air carriers and commercial operators (121.389)
 - (2) Emergency and emergency evacuation duties (121.397)
 - Subpart N Crewmember and Aircraft Dispatcher Training Program
 - (1) Crewmember emergency training (121.416)
 - (2) Flight navigator training (121.422)
 - d. Subpart O Flight Crewmember Qualifications
 - (1) Flight navigator qualification: flag and supplemental air carriers and commercial operators (121.451)
 - e. Subpart R Flight Time Limitations: Flag Air Carriers
 - (1) Flight time limitations: flight engineers and flight navigators (121.493)
 - f. Subpart U Dispatching and Flight Release Rules
 - (1) Dispatch or flight release over water, etc. (121.615)
 - (2) Alternate airport for departure (121.617)

- (3) Alternate airport for destination: flag air carriers (121.621)
- (4) Alternate airport weather minimums (121.625)
- (5) Fuel supply (121.641; 121.643; 121.645)
- (6) Factors for computing fuel required (121.647)
- g. Subpart V Records and Reports
 - (1) Dispatch release (121.687; 121.689)
 - (2) Load manifest (121.691; 121.693)
 - (3) Disposition of load manifest, etc. (121.695; 121.697)
- h. NOTE: Familiarity with ICAO, Annex 6--Operation of Aircraft, is also recommended.

SECTION 2. FUNDAMENTALS OF AIR NAVIGATION

8. EARTH AND COORDINATE SYSTEMS.

- a. Terminology
- b. Chart projections
- c. Direction measurement
 - (1) True
 - (2) Magnetic
 - (3) Compass
 - (4) Grid
- d. Distance units
- e. Dead reckoning procedures

9. CELESTIAL NAVIGATION.

- a. Terminology
- b. Elements of astronomical triangle
- c. Time and the Air Almanac
- d. Star identification

- e. LOP solutions
- f. Special solutions

10. NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS.

- a. Compass systems
- b. Airspeed indicators and Machmeters
- c. Altimeters
- d. Thermometers
- e. Absolute Altimeters
- f. Sextants

11. AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS - OPERATING PRINCIPLES.

- a. Loran
- b. Doppler
- c. Inertial
- d. Other

12. ALTIMETRY PROCEDURES.

- a. Solution for drift
- b. Pressure Line of Position

13. FLIGHT PLANNING PROCEDURES AND CRUISE CONTROL.

- a. Route and altitude selection
- b. Cruise techniques
- c. Decision points PNR/ETP

SECTION 3. METEOROLOGY

14. BASIC WEATHER PRINCIPLES.

- a. Air mass characteristics
- b. Winds and pressure systems
- c. Atmospheric stability
- d. Fronts
- e. Thunderstorms
- f. Fog

15. HIGH ALTITUDE METEOROLOGY.

- a. Jet stream characteristics
- b. Clear air turbulence
- c. Tropopause features
- d. Geostrophic wind
- e. Forecasting weather movement

16. AVIATION WEATHER REPORTS AND FORECASTS.

- a. Hourly sequence reports
- b. Terminal forecasts
- c. Area forecasts

17. WEATHER CHARTS.

- a. Surface
- b. Significant Weather
- c. Constant Pressure
- d. Tropopause/Vertical Wind Shear

SECTION 4. PLOTTING AND COMPUTING

18. FLIGHT PLANNING PROCEDURES.

- a. Enroute time
- b. Fuel requirements
- c. Weight particulars
- d. Decision points -- ETP/PNR

19. POSITIONING.

- a. Dead reckoning procedures
- b. Fixing techniques
 - (1) Two and three star fixes
 - (2) Loran fixes
 - (3) Combined methods--Celestial, Loran, Consol, PLOP
- c. Basic calculations
 - (1) Wind experienced between fixes--computer solution
 - (2) Wind experienced between fixes -- air plot
 - (3) Headings--Compass/Grid
 - (4) ETA's

20. SPECIAL SOLUTIONS.

- a. Latitude by meridian altitude--upper and lower transit
- b. Latitude by Polaris
- c. Compass deviation
- d. Star identification -- star diagrams
- e. Search patterns
- f. Date/time calculations

APPENDIX 1. RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIALS

The applicant for a Flight Navigator Certificate will find the publications listed below helpful to him in his preparation for the test.

The list identifies source material essential to preparing for the test but does not include all available material on the subjects. Other excellent text books, audiovisual training aids, and instruction materials useful in preparing for the test are available at bookstores and libraries.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to obtain the study materials appropriate to his needs. Prices are subject to change.

NOTE: References listed were available at the time this publication went to press.

SECTION 1. LIST OF STUDY MATERIALS

1. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS:

- a. PART 63 Certification: Flight Crewmembers Other Than Pilots (.35)
- b. PART 91 General Operating and Flight Rules (.70)
- c. PART 121 Certification and Operations: Air Carriers and Commercial Operators of Large Aircraft (1.50)
- 2. AVIATION WEATHER, AC 00-6 (2.25). This excellent reference text treats many phases of meteorology of interest to the Flight Navigator. Aviation weather reports and forecasts are also covered in detail with respect to format and content.
- 3. AIR NAVIGATION, H. O. Pub. No. 216, U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office (\$7.50). An excellent reference text of sufficient depth and scope to be of interest to the Flight Navigator.
- 4. AIR NAVIGATION, AF Manual 51-40, Volume I (\$4.00). This manual is a consolidation of the superseded Volumes I and II. The new Volume I develops the art of navigation from the simplest concepts to the most advanced procedures and techniques.
- 5. ICAO Annex 2--Rules of the Air (0.75).
- 6. ICAO Annex 6--Operation of Aircraft (1.00).

SECTION 2. HOW TO OBTAIN STUDY MATERIALS

7. STUDY MATERIALS. All study materials listed, except ICAO Annexes, may be obtained by remitting check or money order to the address listed below. To cover the cost of foreign mailing for those publications not showing a foreign price, add 25 percent to the publication's listed price. Remittances from a foreign country may be made by International Money Order or draft on a United States bank payable to the issuing Agency.

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8. <u>ICAO Annexes</u> may be obtained by remitting bank draft or post office money order in U.S. dollars or the currency of the country in which the order is placed, or in a freely convertible currency to:

International Civil Aviation Organization (Attention: Distribution Officer)
International Aviation Building
1080 University Street
Montreal (Quebec), Canada.

9. <u>Important Notice</u>. The Federal Aviation Administration is reissuing the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) in a volume system to be sold on a subscription basis by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The purchase of a FAR volume will establish your subscription service with the Superintendent of Documents for automatic receipt of changes to the volume as issued by FAA.

The volume structure is:

As each volume is issued, an availability notification providing price and an order form will be issued and distributed by the Superintendent of Documents. However, until all FAR Parts are grouped in their respective volumes and the volumes are available for sale from the Superintendent of Documents, the present system of obtaining individual FAR Parts and revision service to them will remain in effect.

APPENDIX 2. SAMPLE TEST

The following test items are presented to indicate the general form of those used in the official test. They are included for one purpose--to familiarize you with the type of test items you may expect to encounter in FAA written tests. Ability to answer these sample items <u>does not</u> indicate that you are fully prepared to take the test since all topics on which you will be tested are not included.

You should concentrate on the section of this study guide entitled "Study Outline for the Flight Navigator Written Test." A knowledge of all the topics mentioned in this outline--not just the mastery of the sample test items--should be used as the criterion for determining that you are properly prepared to take the written test.

Correct answers to the sample test items, together with explanatory comments where applicable, are to be found in Section 5 of this Appendix. In some sample test items, reference will be made to certain charts or other data. This material will be found in Appendix 3 of this guide.

NOTE: References to regulations and other procedures in this guide are based on those in effect at the time of final editing. Test items in the official FAA tests should always be answered in terms of current regulations and procedures.

SECTION 1. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS

TEST ITEM 1. An individual serving as a Flight Navigator on an aircraft of U.S. registry must have in his personal possession a

- 1- current medical certificate.
- 2- current Flight Navigator Certificate and a current second class, or higher, medical certificate.
- 3- Flight Navigator Certificate and valid passport.
- 4- first class medical certificate and current Flight Navigator Certificate.

TEST ITEM 2. The areas, routes, or route segments over which an air carrier or commercial operator is required to carry a Flight Navigator are specified in the

- 1- Airman's Information Manual.
- 2- Federal Aviation Regulations.
- 3- International Flight Manual.
- 4- Operations Specifications.

TEST ITEM 3. Temporary Flight Navigator Certificates, when issued, are valid for a period of not more than

- 1- 30 days.
- 2- 90 days.
- 3- 3 months.
- 4- 6 calendar months.

TEST ITEM 4. A Flight Navigator Certificate remains in effect

- 1- for one year.
- 2- for 12 calendar months.
- 3- for three years.
- 4- until surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

TEST ITEM 5. An applicant for a Flight Navigator Certificate fails the flight test portion of the practical test. Which of the following responses outlines a correct time period for retesting?

- 1- After receiving 5 hours of additional ground instruction attested to by a certificated Ground Instructor.
- 2- Immediately without further instruction.
- 3- Only after receiving 5 hours of additional instruction.
- 4- After 30 days from the date of failure.

TEST ITEM 6. Aircraft "A" is overtaking Aircraft "B" on the same course and altitude. Which statement is correct?

- 1- Aircraft "B" must alter course to the right.
- 2- Each aircraft must alter course to the right.
- 3- Aircraft "B" has the right-of-way.
- 4- Aircraft "A" must alter course to the left.

TEST ITEM 7. Based on international rules of the air (ICAO, Annex 2), select the correct statement regarding a controlled flight which inadvertently deviates from its track.

- 1- Adjust heading to parallel track.
- 2- Adjust heading to regain track only if advised that a possible traffic conflict exists.
- 3- Immediately adjust heading for return to track in minimum time.
- 4- Adjust heading to return to track as soon as practicable.

- TEST ITEM 8. An air carrier or commercial operator may not use a Flight Navigator unless he meets certain recency of experience requirements. Which of the following responses correctly outlines these requirements?
 - 1- 30 flight hours in any flight function within preceding 6 months.
 - 2- 50 flight hours in any flight function within 12 calendar-month period.
 - 3- 50 flight navigation hours within preceding 12 calendar-month period.
 - 4- 50 flight navigation hours within preceding 6 calendar-month period.

TEST ITEM 9. An alternate airport for the departure point is required

- 1- if weather conditions are below authorized landing minimums.
- 2- only when no destination alternate airport is available.
- 3- only when destination weather is marginal.
- 4- at all times.

TEST ITEM 10. Where only one Flight Navigator is required in scheduled operations, he may not fly as a flight crewmember more than

- 1- 350 hours during any 90-consecutive days.
- 2- 100 hours during any 30-day period.
- 3- 1000 hours during any 12-month period.
- 4- 300 hours during 3 calendar months.

SECTION 2. FUNDAMENTALS OF AIR NAVIGATION

TEST ITEM 11. To determine latitude by an observation of Polaris, it is necessary to correct the observed altitude for

- 1- location of Polaris in diurnal circle.
- 2- erratic orbit of Polaris.
- 3- change in LHA of Aries.
- 4- Coriolis effect.

TEST ITEM 12. You note the difference in the tabulated GHA-Aries entry in the Air Almanac on successive days at the same time. The difference is produced by

- 1- rotation of earth on its axis.
- 2- orbital movement of the earth.
- 3- precession of the equinoxes.
- 4- radial motion.

TEST ITEM 13. The GHA-Aries at a particular time is 202°30'. The Greenwich Sidereal Time (GST) is

- 1- 1230.
- 2- 0130.
- 3- 1330.
- 4- 0030.

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TEST ITEM 14. Which statement accurately summarizes a basic characteristic of an Inertial Navigation System?

- 1- System is self-contained and completely passive.
- 2- Position data must be up-dated with ground-based aids.
- 3- After initial alignment, the gyro-stabilized "platform" remains error-free.
- 4- System accuracy is effected only by computer errors.

TEST FFEM 15. The "sensor" portion of the Doppler system includes which of the following components?

- 1- Tracker and Navigation Computer.
- 2- Antenna, Doppler Indicator, and Navigation Computer.
- 3- Antenna, Transmitter/Receiver, and Tracker.
- 4- Navigation Computer, Tracker, Transmitter, and Control Unit.

TEST ITEM 16. In observing the upper limb of the moon, which one of the following sextant altitude corrections is always additive?

- 1- Semidiameter
- 2- Index
- 3- Parallax
- 4- Refraction

TEST ITEM 17. The first magnitude star approximately midway between Bellatrix and the Pleiades is

- 1- Elnath.
- 2- Pollux.
- 3- Capella.
- 4- Aldebaran.

TEST ITEM 18. Consider the following data:

Lat: 50°N.
GST: 1200
LST: 1600
SHA*: 180°

The star is located on the

- 1- lower branch of the observer's meridian.
- 2- lower branch of the Greenwich meridian.
- 3- upper branch of the observer's meridian.
- 4- upper branch of the Greenwich meridian.

TEST ITEM 19. Blinking of Loran signals in the receiver-indicator scope is an indication that the

- receiver is in need of adjustment.
- antenna coupler is defective.
- left-right switch is inoperative.
- transmitted signals are out of synchronization.

TEST ITEM 20. An aircraft is cruising at flight level 350 at True Airspeed 445 knots. The speed of sound at this level is 576.6 knots. What is the Mach Number?

- 1-1.00
- 2-0.77
- 3-4-1.30
- 0.80

SECTION 3. METEOROLOGY

TEST ITEM 21. A pronounced feature of the stratosphere is the

- 1absence of wind.
- 2absence of weather.
- 3decrease of temperature with altitude.
- rapid decrease in pressure with altitude.

TEST ITEM 22. A warm front may be defined as

- 1a trough of low pressure.
- a ridge of high pressure. 2-
- the leading edge of an advancing warm air mass.
- the leading edge of an advancing cold air mass.

TEST ITEM 23. Which of the following processes act to decrease the stability of an air mass?

- 1-Cooling from below.
- Warming from below. 2-
- Removal of water vapor from lower layers. 3-
- Movement of air from mountains to lowlands.

TEST ITEM 24. Assuming straight isobars or contours, the geostrophic wind results from a balance between the

- 1gradient and centrifugal forces.
- 2gradient and friction winds.
- Coriolis and friction forces.
- Coriolis and gradient forces.

TEST ITEM 25. The recorded temperature at an airport situated 4,000 feet MSL is +20°C. Assuming that the normal lapse rate prevails, the freezing level will be at

- 10,000 feet MSL.
- 2-14,000 feet MSL.
- 3- 14,000 feet AGL.
- 9,000 feet MSL.

TEST ITEM 26. The ceiling at an aviation weather reporting station is reported to be "indefinite 400 feet obscured." How is this ceiling shown in the aviation weather sequence report?

- W4X 1-
- 2- M40X
- 3- W40
- 4- M40

TEST ITEM 27. The freezing level on the great circle route between San Francisco and Honolulu is (Appendix 3, page 3)

- below 5,000 feet MSL at 140°W.
- 2at 10,000 feet MSL near Honolulu.
- 3- at 5,000 feet MSL near San Francisco.
 4- below 10.000 feet MSL over the entire
- below 10,000 feet MSL over the entire route.

TEST ITEM 28. The true altitude of a flight maintaining Flight Level 310 on the great circle route from San Francisco to Honolulu will (Appendix 3, page 4)

- 1remain constant.
- 2increase, then decrease after 140°W.
- increase over the entire route.
- decrease, then increase after 130°W.

TEST ITEM 29. The wind at the 300 millibar level over Honolulu is shown to be approximately (Appendix 3, page 4)

- 280°/35 knots. 1-
- 2- 300°/20 knots.
- 3- 260°/45 knots.
- 280°/50 knots.

TEST ITEM 30. Refer to the 200 millibar and Tropopause Prognostic Chart, Appendix 3, page 5. A flight maintaining Flight Level 400 on the great circle route between San Francisco and Honolulu would be flying

- 1- below the tropopause on the entire route.
- 2- above the tropopause at 128°W.
- 3- above the tropopause at 143°W.
- 4- below the tropopause at 125°W.

SECTION 4. PLOTTING AND COMPUTING

TEST ITEM 31. On March 21, 1969, at 0420 GMT, the sun bears 360° true as it reaches the maximum altitude of 49°. The position of the observer is

- 40°51'S.: 116°50'E.

(See Appendix 3, page 6, for

2- 41°00's.; 116°10'E. 3- 40°30's.; 118°50'E. Air Almanac Page)

41°09'N.; 63°10'E.

TEST ITEM 32. Given the following altimetry readings with supporting data:

	0430Z	051.52
Pressure Altitude: True Altitude:	25,060 feet 24,800 feet	25,000 feet 25,100 feet
Lat 55°S. TAS 480 kts.		
GS 390 kts. TH 220°		

The aircraft is on a True Course of

- 213°. 1-
- 216°. 2-
- 220°. 3-
- 224°.

TEST ITEM 33. The flight plan time on a certain 3,000 n.m. route is 6 hours. Flight 200 arrives at the mid-point of the route at 2340 GMT. What True Airspeed must be maintained to arrive over the destination at the original ETA of 0230 GMT, based on the following conditions:

Desired True Course 145° Wind. 270°/110 knots Outside Air Temperature . . . -30°C. Temperature Correction. . . . 23°

- 1- 468 knots.
- 2- 472 knots.
- 3- 478 knots. 4- 485 knots.
- 485 knots.

TEST ITEM 34. What is the equivalent Mach Number for the True Airspeed computed under the conditions outlined in the previous test item?

1-2-.82

3~ .85

.88

TEST ITEM 35. What compass heading should be flown from the mid-point of the route in test item 33 (Variation 13°W.; Deviation 4°E.)?

1-146°

152° 2-

165° 3-

174°

TEST ITEM 36. Consider the flight planning data outlined below:

Zone	Flight <u>Level</u>	Wind Component	Mach	F'cst. Temp.	Dist.
1	Climb*	+30 kts.			250
2	350	+50 kts.	. 80	-30°C.	550
3	350	+80 kts.	. 80	-20°C.	540
4	350	+60 kts.	.80	- 25°℃.	530
5	Descent**	+20 kts.			530 180

NOTE: *Use Average TAS 370 kts.

**Use Average TAS 320 kts.

You determine the flight plan time to be

3 hours, 49 minutes.

2- 3 hours, 52 minutes.

3 hours, 59 minutes.

4 hours, 05 minutes.

TEST ITEM 37. The position of an aircraft is fixed at 0815 GMT in Latitude 5°N.; Longitude 81°30'W. If the aircraft continues on a Grid Heading (D.G. Mode) of 247°, determine the ETA and Latitude at the 85th meridian based on the data below (see Chart segment, Appendix 3, page 7):

Flight Level	350
Mach	0.75
Outside Air Temperature (Indicated)	-15°C.
Temperature Correction	22°
W/V (True Direction)	
Average Convergence	33°

- ETA/0905 GMT; Lat. 00°55'N.
- ETA/0903 GMT; Lat. 01°15'N. 2-
- ETA/0901 GMT: Lat. 01°05'N. 3-4-

ETA/0907 GMT; Lat. 00°45'N.

TEST ITEM 38. Compute the Magnetic Heading which is equivalent to the Grid Heading of 247° from the previous test item. Use the following data:

Average Gri	۷ε	iti	Lor	a ((GT	7)	•	•	•			•	•	38°E.
Variation.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Deviation.	•			•			•			•	•			4°W.
Convergence	•		•											33°

- 202°. 1-
- 206°. 2-
- 209°. 3-
- 212°.

TEST ITEM 39. Listed below are intercepts and true bearings (ZN) for three stars, resolved to a common time of 0906 GMT. Plot the fix from an assumed position of Ol°N.: 84°40'W.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Intercept	25'TO	14'AWAY	12'AWAY
Z _N (Convergence:	310° 34°)	070°	190°

The position of the 0906 GMT fix is

- 01°15'N.; 85°00'W.
- 01°25'N.; 85°15'W. 2-
- 01°05'N.; 84°40'W.
- 01°20'N.; 84°35'W.

TEST ITEM 40. Assuming no change in heading or TAS, what average wind (Grid Direction) has been experienced between the 0815 GMT and 0906 GMT fixes?

- 200°/ 90 kts. 212°/110 kts.
- 2-
- 218°/132 kts. 225°/100 kts.

SECTION 5. ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS TO SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

- TEST ITEM 1 (Ans. 2). The reference is FAR 63.3.
- TEST ITEM 2 (Ans. 4). The reference is FAR 121.389(b). Review also paragraph (a).
- TEST ITEM 3 (Ans. 2). The reference is FAR 63.13.
- TEST ITEM 4 (Ans. 4). The reference is FAR 63.15.
- TEST ITEM 5 (Ans. 4). The reference is FAR 63.59. In this situation, the applicant may either wait for the 30-day period to elapse, or present evidence that he has received 5 hours of additional in-flight instruction.
- TEST ITEM 6 (Ans. 3). The reference is found in ICAO, Annex 2--Rules of the Air (Chapter 3, Section 3.2.2.3). It is also found in FAR 91.67.
- TEST ITEM 7 (Ans. 4). The reference is found in ICAO, Annex 2--Rules of the Air (Chapter 3, Section 3.5.2.2.la).
- TEST ITEM 8 (Ans. 3). The reference is FAR 121.451(a). Note that the alternative procedure involves a flight check.
- TEST ITEM 9 (Ans. 1). The reference is FAR 121.617(a). Note the distance requirements specified for the aircraft engine configuration.
- TEST ITEM 10 (Ans. 3). The basic reference is FAR 121.493(a) which states that for this operation, the flight time limitations in FAR 121.483 are applicable.
- TEST ITEM 11 (Ans. 1). Since Polaris is not located exactly at the north celestial pole, the observed altitude will vary according to its location in the diurnal circle. The entering argument in the Polaris Table is "LHA-First Point of Aries."
- TEST ITEM 12 (Ans. 2). The daily eastward movement of the earth in its orbit about the sun-approximately 1° per day--is reflected in the equivalent westward movement of Aries as shown in the Almanac entry.
- TEST ITEM 13 (Ans. 3). The reference point for sidereal time is the Vernal Equinox, or the First Point of Aries. Unlike solar time, the sidereal day starts when the reference point is on the upper branch of the celestial meridian. It is Greenwich Sidereal Time (GST) or Local Sidereal Time (LST) as the Greenwich or local celestial meridian is used as the origin for measurement of hour angle.

- TEST ITEM 14 (Ans. 1). The system is completely self-contained, requiring no externally based aids and it is passive, since no energy is radiated from the aircraft.
- TEST ITEM 15 (Ans. 3). The "sensor" portion of the Doppler Navigation System comprises the antenna, transmitter/receiver, and tracker, as well as the indicator and sensor control panel. The navigation computer operates continually, resolving inputs from the tracker unit into cross-track and along-track distance read-outs.
- TEST ITEM 16 (Ans. 3). In observing the moon's upper limb, semidiameter is subtractive. Index correction may be either additive or subtractive and refraction is always subtractive. Parallax is always additive.
- TEST ITEM 17 (Ans. 4). With the constellation of ORION located on your meridian to the south, a line extended to the northwest from Bellatrix to the Pleiades will pass close to Aldebaran at the approximate halfway point.
- TEST ITEM 18 (Ans. 4). By the definition of sidereal time, you locate the First Point of Aries on the lower branch of the Greenwich meridian (GST: 1200). Sidereal Hour Angle of the star (SHA*: 180°) is measured westward from the hour circle of the First Point of Aries which, in this case, locates the star on the upper branch of the Greenwich meridian. A time diagram is most helpful in visualizing these relationships.
- TEST ITEM 19 (Ans. 4). Transmission of Loran signals is continuously monitored. If the signals get out of synchronization by as much as 2 microseconds, the master pulse, the slave pulse, or both, blink to warn the user of this condition. When blinking is seen, readings from the station should be avoided until synchronization is restored.
- TEST ITEM 20 (Ans. 2). Mach number is defined as the ratio of the true airspeed to the speed of sound which in this case produces the stated answer.
- TEST ITEM 21 (Ans. 2). The stratosphere contains very little moisture and is, therefore, characterized by an absence of weather phenomena associated with the troposphere.
- TEST ITEM 22 (Ans. 3). Warm air is overtaking and replacing colder air. The boundary between the advancing warm air mass and the colder air being displaced is said to be the frontal zone.
- TEST ITEM 23 (Ans. 2). Warming from below may result from the advection of a cold air mass over a warmer surface or solar heating of the surface under the air mass. The other factors tend to increase the stability.
- TEST ITEM 24 (Ans. 4). The tendency for air to flow from high pressure to low pressure is counterbalanced by the Coriolis force, resulting in a flow parallel to the isobars or contours.

- TEST ITEM 25 (Ans. 2). The solution is based on the normal lapse rate of 2°C. per 1,000 feet.
- TEST ITEM 26 (Ans. 1). Refer to Appendix 3, Section 1-- "Key to Aviation Weather Reports." Front and back sides of this card are reproduced on pages 1 and 2 of this section of the guide.
- TEST ITEM 27 (Ans. 3). Refer to the Significant Weather Chart, Appendix 3, page 3.
- TEST ITEM 28 (Ans. 3). Refer to the 300 MB. PROG, Appendix 3, page 4. An aircraft flying on a constant altimeter setting and a constant altitude indication will conform to the slope of the constant pressure surface. In this case, the true altitude would increase over the entire route. Note that contour heights are now recorded in "tens" of meters rather than feet. For example, the height of the 300 millibar contour over San Francisco is shown as "912" which is 9,120 meters.
- TEST ITEM 29 (Ans. 1). Some indication of the wind flow is given by the contour line together with the 250 millibar wind arrows to the northeast and east-southeast of Honolulu. The wind speed is interpolated between the 20 and 40 knot isotachs which bracket Honolulu at the 300 millibar level.
- of the tropopause in 50-millibar increments. Temperatures at the 200-millibar level are enclosed in circles. When reported, temperatures at the tropopause are enclosed in squares. In this example, at 128°W., the tropopause is shown to be at the 200-millibar level which is equivalent to 38,700 feet. At Flight Level 400, the aircraft will, therefore, be above the tropopause at this location.
- TEST ITEM 31 (Ans. 1). The test item has little operational application but is used to illustrate basic concepts. In this case, the sun is to the north on the observer's meridian. The zenith distance is 41° (90°-49°) and when combined with the declination (0°09'N.) yields the observer's latitude (40°51'S.). The GHA of the sun at the stated time is 243°10'W. which subtracted from 360° produces the longitude value of 116°50'E. A diagram of the plane of the meridian is helpful in visualizing the solution.
- TEST ITEM 32 (Ans. 4). The height difference of +360 feet produces a V_N of 26.2 n.m. This yields a drift angle of approximately 4° to the <u>right</u> since we are in the southern hemisphere.
- TEST ITEM 33 (Ans. 2). To arrive at the original ETA will require a Groundspeed of 528 knots. Solution yields True Airspeed 472 knots.

- TEST ITEM 34 (Ans. 2). Solution varies with the type of computer used. If you need True Air Temperature, apply the temperature correction to the Indicated Temperature to produce the value -53°C. (True).
- TEST ITEM 35 (Ans. 3). Application of the Compass Error (9°W.) to the True Heading in test item 33 (156°) produces Compass Heading (165°).
- TEST ITEM 36 (Ans. 4). The solution is outlined below. In addition to flight time computations, you may be asked to determine fuel requirements based on fuel flow values.

Zone	TAS	<u>GS</u>	Dist.	Time	Accumulated Time
1 2	370 485	400 535	250 550	:37.4 1:01.8	0:37.4 1:39.2
3	495	575	540	:56.3	2:35.5
4	490	550	530	:57.8	3:33.3
5	320	340	180	:31.8	4:05.1

- TEST ITEM 37 (Ans. 1). You may wish to remove the chart segment in Appendix 3, page 7 for convenience in this plotting exercise. The steps in the solution are outlined below:
 - a. Determine TAS. If your computer requires the use of true air temperature, convert the indicated temperature to true using the correction given. True air temperature is -37°C. TAS is 450 knots.
 - b. Convert true wind direction to grid direction (177° +33° = 210°G).
 - c. Solve for Grid Course and Groundspeed based on the following data:

																		247°
TAS .	,	•			•		•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		450 knots
w/vg		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	210°/80 knots

Result								
Grid Course						٠		254°
Groundspeed	•		٠			٠		390 knots

d. Plot Grid Course 254° from 0815 GMT fix position to 85th meridian. Latitude is 00°55'N.; Distance is 325 n.m. which at Groundspeed 390 knots produces ETA 0905 GMT.

- TEST ITEM 38 (Ans. 3). Grivation is the angle which results from the combination of convergence and variation. Stated in another way, it is the difference in direction between Grid North and Magnetic North. In this case, the Grivation (GV) of 38°E. is applied to the Grid Heading of 247° to produce the Magnetic Heading of 209°.
- TEST ITEM 39 (Ans. 1). This is a simple plot of a celestial fix. In the official test, you will be expected to perform all computations in addition to the required plotting. For this purpose, excerpts from the Air Almanac and Navigation Tables are provided in a separate booklet. Note that Coriolis Force is not significant at this latitude.

TEST ITEM 40 (Ans. 2). The following factors are known:

Computer solution yields grid wind of 212°/110 knots.

KEY TO AVIATION WEATHER REPORTS

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TERMINAL FORECASTS contain information for specific airports on ceiling, cloud heights, cloud amounts, visibility, weather condition and surface wind. They are written in a form similar to the AVIATION WEATHER REPORT.

CEILING: Identified by the letter "C" CLOUD HEIGHTS: In hundreds of feet above the station (ground) CLOUD LAYERS: Stated in ascending order of height VISIBILITY: In statute miles, but amitted if over 8 miles SURFACE WIND: In tens of degrees and knots; amitted when less than 10.

EXAMPLE OF TERMINAL FORECASTS

C150 Ceiling 1500s, broken clouds

Clear, visibility one and

Scattered clouds at 2000's 2000C70 @ 6K 3230G

ceiling 7000 overcast, visibility 6 miles, smoke, surface wind 320 degrees 30 knots, gusty.

one-half miles, ground fog.

Sky obscured, vertical visibility 500!, visibility one-fourth mile, moderate snow,

AREA FORECASTS are 12-hour forecasts plus 12-hour OUTLOOKS (18 hour outlook in FA valid at 1300Z) of cloud, weather and frontal conditions for an area the size of several states. Heights of cloud tops, icina. and turbulence are ABOVE SEA LEVEL (ASL); ceiling heights, ABOVE GROUND LEVEL (AGL); bases of cloud layers are ASL unless indicated. Area Forecasts are amended by SIGMET's or AIRMET's.

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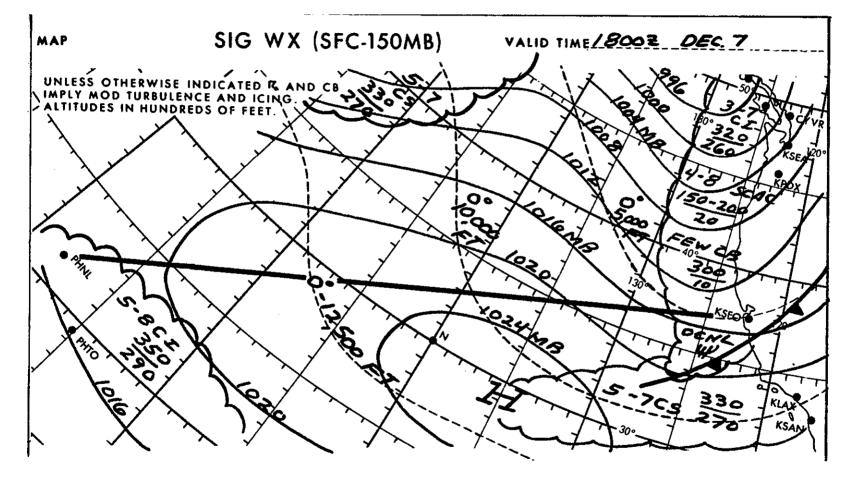
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EXAMPLES OF WINDS ALOFT FORECASTS:

LVL 3000 5000 FT 7000 10000FT MLT 2925 2833400 2930 3030-06

At 5000'ASL wind from 280'et 33 knots with temperature O'Celsius

PILOTS report in-flight weather to nearest FSS



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SECTION 4. SEGMENT OF PLOTTING SHEET

