

# Exam questions for obtaining aircraft licenses and ratings

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#### NOTE:

The correct answer under a. During the exam the order of answers will be different.

#### **Review questions:**

#### 1. Density:-

- a. Reduces with altitude increase.
- b. Is unaffected by temperature change.
- c. Increases with altitude increase.
- d. Reduces with temperature reduction.
- 2. The air pressure that acts on anything immersed in it:
  - a. Is also known as Static Pressure.
  - b. Is also known as Dynamic Pressure.
  - c. Is greater at altitude than at sea level.
  - d. Is also known as Total Pressure.
- 3. If, on a given day, the actual outside air temperature at 4000 ft is 23°C, what is the approximate difference between the actual and ISA temperature?
  - a. 16°C.
  - b. 7°C.
  - c. 15°C.
  - d. 8°C.
- 4. The presence of water vapour:
  - a. In air will reduce its density.
  - b. In air will increase its density.
  - c. In the atmosphere will increase the power output of a piston engine.
  - d. In the atmosphere will increase the amount of lift generated by an aircraft.
- 5. When considering the changes in density of the air with altitude, which of the following four options is correct?
  - a. The reduction in pressure with increasing altitude causes density to reduce.
  - b. The temperature increase with increasing altitude causes density to increase.
  - c. The temperature reduction with increasing altitude causes density to increase.
  - d. The increase in pressure with increasing altitude causes density to reduce.
- 6. The respective percentages of the four most abundant gases that make up the atmosphere are?
  - a. Nitrogen 78% Oxygen 21% Argon 0.95% Carbon Dioxide 0.05%
  - b. Oxygen 78% Nitrogen 21% Argon 0.95% Carbon Dioxide 0.05%
  - c. Nitrogen 78% Oxygen 21% Argon 0.95% Carbon Monoxide 0.05%
  - d. Oxygen 78% Nitrogen 21% Argon 0.95% Carbon Monoxide 0.05%

- 7. The properties of the Earth s atmosphere which influence the performance of aircraft are:
  - a. Its water vapour content, temperature, pressure and density.
  - b. Its temperature, pressure and humidity.
  - c. Its oxygen content pressure, and water vapour content
  - d. Its nitrogen content, oxygen content, temperature and pressure.
- 8. Assuming that the pressure at sea level is ISA, but the temperature is 10°C higher than ISA, the density will be:
  - a. Less than ISA.
  - b. As per ISA.
  - c. Greater than ISA.
  - d. Unaffected.
- 9. Air pressure:
  - a. Acts in all directions.
  - b. Acts only vertically downwards.
  - c. Is measured in Pascals per square inch.
  - d. Increases with altitude.

10. A piston engine aircraft files in that layer of the atmosphere called:

- a. The Troposphere.
- b. The Stratosphere.
- c. The Mesosphere.
- d. The Tropopause.

11. In straight and level powered flight the following principal forces act on an aircraft:

- a. Thrust lift. drag, weight
- b. Thrust lift, weight
- c. Thrust lift, drag.
- d. Lift, drag, weight.

12. The unit of force is the:

- a. Newton.
- b. Newton-metre.
- c. Joule.
- d. Mass-kilogram.
- 13. The dynamic pressure exerted on an aircraft's frontal surface is equal to:
  - a. Half the density times the true airspeed squared.
  - b. Density time's speed squared.
  - c. Half the true airspeed times the density squared.
  - d. Half the density times the indicated airspeed squared.
- 14. Relative airflow is \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_the movement of the aircraft.
  - a. Parallel to / Opposite to.
  - b. Perpendicular to / Opposite to.
  - c. Perpendicular to / in the same direction as.
  - d. Parallel to / in the same direction as.

- 15. The symbol for dynamic pressure is:
  - a. Q
  - b. P
  - c. R
  - d. D
- 16. The air flow over the wing's upper surface in straight and level flight, when compared with the airflow that is unaffected by the wing, will have:
  - a. A higher velocity.
  - b. A higher density.
  - c. A reduced velocity.
  - d. The same velocity.
- 17. Which of the four answer options most correctly completes the sentence? Increasing speed also increases lift because:
  - a. The increased speed of the air passing over an aerofoil's upper surface decreases the static pressure above the wing, thus creating a greater pressure differential across the upper and lower surface.
  - b. Lift is directly proportional to velocity.
  - c. The increased velocity of the relative wind overcomes the increased drag.
  - d. Increasing speed decreases drag.
- 18. An aircraft has a nose down pitching moment due to the lift/weight couple and a nose up pitching moment due to the thrust/drag couple. When power is increased:
  - a. It will pitch nose up.
  - b. It will pitch nose down.
  - c. The couples both increase in magnitude but remain balanced.
  - d. The couples both decrease in magnitude but remain balanced.
- 19. Considering the forces acting upon an aeroplane, at constant airspeed, which statement is correct?
  - a. Weight always acts vertically downwards towards the centre of the Earth.
  - b. Lift acts perpendicular to the chord line and must always be greater than weight
  - c. Thrust acts parallel to the relative airflow and is greater than drag.
  - d. The lift force generated by the wings always acts in the opposite direction to the aircraft's weight.
- 20. In straight and level flight, the free stream airflow pressure, compared to that flowing under the wing, is:
  - a. Lower.
  - b. Equal.
  - c. Higher.
  - d. Equal pressure but travelling faster.
- 21. If the cross sectional area of an airflow is mechanically reduced:
  - a. The mass flow remains constant and the velocity of the airflow increases.
  - b. The velocity of the airflow remains constant and the mass flow increases.
  - c. The mass flow remains constant and the static pressure increases.
  - d. The velocity of the airflow remains constant and the kinetic energy increases.

22. Dynamic pressure is:

- a. The amount by which the pressure rises at a point where a moving airflow is brought completely to rest.
- b. The total pressure at a point where a moving airflow is brought completely to rest.
- c. The pressure due to the mass of air pressing down on the air beneath.
- d. The pressure change caused by heating when a moving airflow is brought completely to rest.
- 23. When considering air:
  - 1 Air has mass
  - 2 Air is not compressible
  - 3 Air is able to flow or change its shape when subject to even small pressures
  - 4 The viscosity of air is very high
  - 5 Moving air has kinetic energy
  - The correct combination of all true statements is:
    - a. 1, 3, and 5.
    - b. 1, 2.3 and 5.
    - c. 2, 3 and 4.
    - d. 1 and 4.

24. An aircraft rotates about:

- a. Its centre of gravity.
- b. Its wings.
- c. Its main undercarriage.
- d. Its rudder.
- 25. An aircraft's mass is a result of:
  - a. How much matter it contains.
  - b. Its weight
  - c. How big it is.
  - d. Its volume.
- 26. Dynamic pressure equals:
  - a. Total pressure minus static pressure.
  - b. Total pressure plus static pressure.
  - c. Static pressure minus total pressure.
  - d. Total pressure divided by static pressure.
- 27. If the velocity of an air mass is increased:
  - a. The kinetic energy will increase, the dynamic pressure will increase and the static pressure will decrease.
  - b. The dynamic pressure will decrease and the static pressure will increase.
  - c. The static pressure will remain constant and the kinetic energy will increase.
  - d. The mass flow will stay constant, the dynamic pressure will decrease and the static pressure will increase.

- 28. The boundary layer consists of:
  - a. Laminar and Turbulent flow.
  - b. Laminar flow.
  - c. Turbulent flow.
  - d. Turbulent flow at low speeds only.
- 29. What must be the relationship between the forces acting on an aircraft in flight, for that aircraft to be in a state of equilibrium?
  - a. Lift must equal weight, and thrust must equal drag.
  - b. Lift must equal drag, and thrust must equal weight
  - c. Lift must equal thrust plus drag.
  - d. Lift must equal thrust, and weight must equal drag.
- 30. The smooth flow of air, where each molecule follows the path of the preceding molecule, is a definition of:
  - a. Laminar flow.
  - b. Turbulent flow.
  - c. Free stream flow.
  - d. Wind.
- 31. In sub-sonic airflow, as air passes through a venturi, the mass flow\_\_\_\_\_, the velocity \_\_\_\_\_and the static pressure\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Remains constant / increases then decreases / decreases then increases.
  - b. a) Decreases then increases / remains constant / increases then decreases.
  - c. Remains constant / increases then decreases / increases then decreases.
  - d. Decreases then increases / increases then decreases / increases then decreases.
- 32. A moving mass of air possesses kinetic energy. An object placed in the path of such a moving mass of air will be subject to:
  - a. Static pressure and dynamic pressure.
  - b. Static Pressure.
  - c. Dynamic pressure.
  - d. Dynamic pressure minus static pressure.
- 33. Dynamic Pressure may be expressed by the formula:
  - <sup>a.</sup>  $Q=1/2pV^2$
  - <sup>b.</sup>  $Q=1/3_PV^2$
  - c.  $Q =_P V$
  - d.  $Q = 2_P V$
- 34. As airspeed increases, induced drag:
  - a. Decreases.
  - b. Increases.
  - c. Is dependant on the weight of the aircraft?
  - d. Remains unchanged.

- 35. As Indicated Air Speed (IAS) is reduced, in order to maintain altitude, the pilot must:
  - a. Increase the angle of attack to maintain the correct lift force.
  - b. Decrease the angle of attack to reduce the drag.
  - c. Deploy the speed brakes to increase drag.
  - d. Reduce the thrust.
- 36. That portion of the aircraft's total drag created by the production of lift is called:
  - a. Induced drag, which is greatly affected by changes in airspeed.
  - b. Parasite drag, which is greatly affected by changes in airspeed.
  - c. Induced drag, which is not affected by changes in airspeed.
  - d. Parasite drag, which is inversely proportional to the square of the airspeed.
- 37. By changing the Angle of Attack of a wing, the pilot can control the aeroplane's:
  - a. Lift, airspeed, and drag.
  - b. Lift and airspeed, but not drag.
  - c. Lift, gross weight, and drag.
  - d. Lift and drag, but not airspeed.
- 38. Resistance, or skin friction, due to the viscosity of the air as it passes along the surface of a wing, is a type of:
  - a. Parasite drag.
  - b. Induced drag.
  - c. Form drag.
  - d. Interference drag.
- 39. If the Indicated Air Speed of an aircraft is increased from 50 kts to 100 kts, parasite drag will be:
  - a. Four times greater.
  - b. Six times greater.
  - c. Two times greater.
  - d. One quarter as much.
- 40. An imaginary straight line running from the midpoint of the leading edge of an aerofoil to its trailing edge, is called the:
  - a. Chord.
  - b. Mean camber.
  - c. Aerofoil thickness.
  - d. Maximum camber.
- 41. A positively cambered aerofoil starts to produce lift at an angle of attack of approximately:
  - a. Minus 4 degrees.
  - b. 0 degrees.
  - c. 4 to 6 degrees.
  - d. 16 degrees.

- 42. On an aerofoil section, the force of lift acts perpendicular to, and the force of drag acts parallel to, the:
  - a. Flightpath.
  - b. Longitudinal axis.
  - c. Chord line.
  - d. Aerofoil section upper surface.
- 43. As airspeed increases induced drag\_\_\_\_\_, parasite drag\_\_\_\_\_and total drag
  - a. Decreases / Increases / Decreases then increases.
  - b. Increases / Increases / Increases
  - c. Increases / Decreases / Increases then decreases.
  - d. Decreases / Decreases / Decreases
- 44. If in level flight the airspeed decreases below that for maximum Lift/Drag, the effect will be that:
  - a. Drag increases because of increased induced drag.
  - b. Drag decreases because of lower induced drag.
  - c. Drag increases because of increased parasite drag.
  - d. Drag decreases because of lower parasite drag.
- 45. The angle of attack is the angle between the:
  - a. Chord line and the relative airflow.
  - b. Camber line and free stream flow.
  - c. Chord line and the longitudinal axis of the aeroplane.
  - d. Chord line and the horizontal plane.
- 46. The maximum value of the coefficient of lift is found at an angle of attack of approximately:
  - a. 16 degrees.
  - b. Minus 4 degrees.
  - c. 0 degrees.
  - d. 4 to 6 degrees.
- 47. At a constant angle of attack, a decrease in the airspeed of an aircraft will result in:
  - a. A decrease in lift and drag.
  - b. An increase in lift and a decrease in drag.
  - c. An increase in drag and a decrease in lift.
  - d. Possible increases or decreases in lift or drag, depending on the actual speed.
- 48. If the Angle of Attack and other factors remain constant, and the airspeed is doubled, lift will be:
  - a. Quadrupled.
  - b. Doubled.
  - c. One quarter of what it was.
  - d. The same.
- 49. The definition of lift is:
  - a. The aerodynamic force which acts at 90° to the relative airflow.
  - b. The aerodynamic force which acts perpendicular to the chord line of the aerofoil.
  - c. The aerodynamic force that results from the pressure differentials about an aerofoil.
  - d. The aerodynamic force which acts perpendicular to the upper surface of the aerofoil.

- 50. Which of the answer options most correctly completes the sentence? The amount of lift a wing produces is directly proportional to:
  - a. The air density.
  - b. The dynamic pressure minus the static pressure.
  - c. The square root of the velocity of the air flowing over it.
  - d. The air temperature.
- 51. The maximum value of the Coefficient of Lift is found:
  - a. At the stalling angle of attack.
  - b. At negative angles of attack.
  - c. When lift equals drag.
  - d. During steep turns.
- 52. At a given Indicated Air Speed, what effect will an increase in air density have on lift and drag?
  - a. Lift and drag will remain the same.
  - b. Lift will increase but drag will decrease.
  - c. Lift and drag will increase.
  - d. Lift and drag will decrease.
- 53. An aerofoil section is designed to produce lift resulting from a difference in the:
  - a. Higher air pressure below the surface and lower air pressure above the surface.
  - b. Negative air pressure below and a vacuum above the surface.
  - c. Vacuum below the surface and greater air pressure above the surface.
  - d. Higher air pressure at the leading edge than at the trailing edge.
- 54. Full flaps should be selected when:
  - a. Committed to land.
  - b. Commencing final approach.
  - c. On go-around.
  - d. Landing into a strong headwind.
- 55. A wing which is inclined downwards from root to tip is said to have:
  - a. Anhedral.
  - b. Washout.
  - c. Taper.
  - d. Sweep.
- 56. When the C of G is close to the forward limit:
  - a. Very high stick forces are required to pitch because the aircraft is very stable.
  - b. Very small forces are required on the control column to produce pitch.
  - c. Longitudinal stability is reduced.
  - d. Stick forces are the same as for an aft C of G.
- 57. Following a lateral disturbance, an aircraft with Dutch roll instability will:
  - a. Develop simultaneous oscillations in roll and yaw.
  - b. Go into a spiral dive.
  - c. Develop oscillations in pitch.
  - d. Develop an unchecked roll.

- 58. An aeroplane which is inherently stable will:
  - a. Have a built-in tendency to return to its original state following the removal of any disturbing force.
  - b. Require less effort to control.
  - c. Be difficult to stall.
  - d. Not spin.
- 59. After a disturbance in pitch, an aircraft oscillates in pitch with increasing amplitude. It is:
  - a. Statically stable but dynamically unstable.
  - b. Statically and dynamically unstable.
  - c. Statically unstable but dynamically stable.
  - d. Statically and dynamically stable.
- 60. If a disturbing force causes an aircraft to roll:
  - a. Wing dihedral will cause a rolling moment which tends to correct the sideslip.
  - b. The fin will cause a yawing moment which reduces the sideslip.
  - c. Wing dihedral will cause a yawing moment which tends to correct the sideslip.
  - d. Wing dihedral will cause a nose up pitching moment
- 61. If the wing Aerodynamic Centre is forward of the C of G:
  - a. Changes in lift produce a wing pitching moment which acts to increase the change of lift.
  - b. Changes in lift produce a wing pitching moment which acts to reduce the change of lift.
  - c. Changes in lift give no change in wing pitching moment.
  - d. When the aircraft sideslips, the CofG causes the nose to turn into the sideslip thus applying a restoring moment.
- 62. By design, the Centre of Pressure on a particular aircraft remains behind the aircraft's C of G. If the aircraft is longitudinally stable and is displaced in pitch, nose down, by turbulence:
  - a. The tailplane will generate a downward force.
  - b. The tailplane will generate an upward force.
  - c. Neither an upward nor a downward force will be generated by the tailplane, as the aircraft will already be in equilibrium.
  - d. The aircraft will maintain its nose-down attitude.
- 63. Wing dihedral produces a stabilising rolling moment by causing an increase in lift:
  - a. On the lower wing when the aircraft is sideslipping.
  - b. On the up-going wing when the aircraft rolls.
  - c. On the up-going wing when the aircraft is sideslipping.
  - d. On the lower wing whenever the aircraft is in a banked attitude.
- 64. When an aircraft is disturbed from its established flight path by, for example, turbulence, it is said to have positive stability if it subsequently:
  - a. Re-establishes its original flight path without any input from the pilot.
  - b. Remains on the new flight path.
  - c. Becomes further displaced from its original flight path.
  - d. Continues to pitch in the disturbed direction until the displacement is resisted by opposing control forces.

- 65. Loading an aircraft so that the C of G exceeds the aft limits could result in:
  - a. Loss of longitudinal stability and the nose pitching up at slow speeds.
  - b. Excessive upward force on the tail, and the nose pitching down.
  - c. Excessive load factor in turns.
  - d. High stick forces.
- 66. Which of the following four options describes the consequence of taking off with the manufacturer's recommended take-off flap setting selected?
  - a. A decrease in the length of the take-off run compared to a non-flap take-off.
  - b. An increase in the length of the take-off run compared to a non-flap take-off.
  - c. A greater angle of climb.
  - d. Easier avoidance of obstacles at the end of a runway.
- 67. With the flaps lowered, the stalling speed will:
  - a. Decrease.
  - b. Increase.
  - c. Increase, but occur at a higher angle of attack.
  - d. Remain the same.
- 68. When an aircraft is disturbed from its trimmed attitude by, for example, turbulence, it is said to have neutral stability if it subsequently:
  - a. Remains in the new attitude.
  - b. Oscillates about its original attitude before settling back to that original attitude.
  - c. Immediately re-establishes its original attitude.
  - d. Continues to move in the disturbed direction until the displacement is resisted by opposing control forces.
- 69. If the Centre of Gravity (C of G) of an aircraft is found to be within limits for take-off:
  - a. The CofG limits for landing must be checked, allowing for planned fuel consumption.
  - b. The CofG will always be within limits for landing.
  - c. The CofG will not change during the flight.
  - d. The flight crew will always be certain of being able to adjust the C of G during flight in order to keep it within acceptable limits for landing.
- 70. With a forward Centre of Gravity, an aircraft will have:
  - a. Decreased elevator effectiveness when flaring.
  - b. Reduced longitudinal stability.
  - c. Lighter forces for control movements.
  - d. Shorter take off distances.
- 71. Longitudinal stability is given
  - a. The horizontal tailplane.
  - b. The fin.
  - c. The wing dihedral.
  - d. The ailerons.

72. An aft Centre of Gravity will give:

- a. Increased elevator effectiveness when flaring.
- b. Increased longitudinal stability.
- c. Heavy forces for control movements.
- d. Longer take-off distances.
- 73. The tendency of an aircraft to develop forces which restore it to its original flight situation, when disturbed from a condition of steady flight, is known as:
  - a. Stability.
  - b. Manoeuvrability.
  - c. Controllability.
  - d. Instability.

74. Stability around the normal axis:

- a. Is increased if the keel surface behind the CofG is increased.
- b. Is given by the lateral dihedral.
- c. Depends on the longitudinal dihedral.
- d. Is greater if the wing has no sweepback.
- 75. The maximum gliding distance from 6000 feet, for an aircraft in clean configuration, with a lift/drag ratio of 8:1, is approximately 8 nautical miles. If flaps are deployed:
  - a. The maximum gliding distance will be less.
  - b. The maximum gliding distance will increase.
  - c. Lift/Drag ratio will be unaffected but will be achieved at a lower airspeed.
  - d. The maximum gliding distance will be unaffected.
- 76. A pilot lowers the flaps while keeping the airspeed constant. In order to maintain level flight, the angle of attack:
  - a. Must be reduced.
  - b. Must be increased.
  - c. Must be kept constant but power must be increased.
  - d. Must be kept constant and power required will be constant.
- 77. Movement of the aircraft about its normal (vertical) axis is known as:
  - a. Yawing.
  - b. Rolling.
  - c. Pitching.
  - d. Side slipping.

78. An aircraft wing is constructed with positive dihedral in order to give:

- a. Lateral stability about the longitudinal axis.
- b. Longitudinal stability about the lateral axis.
- c. Lateral stability about the normal axis.
- d. Directional stability about the normal axis.

- 79. An aircraft is disturbed from its path by a gust of wind. Neutral stability is when, without pilot intervention, it:
  - a. Maintains the new path.
  - b. Returns to its original path without overshooting.
  - c. Returns to its original path after overshooting.
  - d. Continues to move away from the original path.
- 80. When flaps are lowered the stalling angle of attack of the wing:
  - a. Decreases, but C<sub>LMAX</sub> increases.
  - b. Remains the same, but  $C_{LMAX}$  increases.
  - c. Increases and C<sub>LMAX</sub> increases.
  - d. Decreases, but  $C_{LMAX}$  remains the same.
- 81. A high wing configuration with no dihedral, compared to a low wing configuration with no dihedral, will provide:
  - a. Greater lateral stability.
  - b. Greater longitudinal stability.
  - c. The same degree of longitudinal stability as any other configuration because dihedral gives longitudinal stability.
  - d. Less lateral stability.
- 82. An aircraft is disturbed from its flight path by a gust of wind. If it tends to return to its original flight path without pilot intervention, the aircraft is said to possess:
  - a. Positive Dynamic Stability.
  - b. Instability.
  - c. Negative Dynamic Stability.
  - d. Neutral Dynamic Stability.
- 83. Wing leading-edge devices such as slots, designed to allow flight at higher angles of attack, do so by:
  - a. Re-energising the airflow over the top of the wing, delaying separation.
  - b. Providing an extra lifting surface and hence increase the lift available.
  - c. Changing the shape and hence the lift characteristics of the wing.
  - d. Decreasing lift and hence induced drag.
- 84. The surface that gives an aircraft directional stability is:
  - a. The fin.
  - b. The rudder.
  - c. The horizontal tailplane.
  - d. The rudder trim tab.
- 85. If a landing is to be made without flaps the landing speed must be:
  - a. Increased.
  - b. Reduced.
  - c. The same as for a landing with flaps.
  - d. The same as for a landing with flaps but with a steeper approach.

- 86. The maximum speed at which the aircraft can be flown with flaps extended is called:
  - a.  $V_{FE}$ .
  - $b. \quad V_{\text{YSE}}.$
  - $c. \quad V_{\text{NE}}.$
  - $d. \quad V_{NO}.$

87. Yawing is movement around the \_\_\_\_\_axis.

- a. Normal.
- b. Longitudinal.
- c. Lateral.
- d. Horizontal.

88. The lateral axis of an aircraft is a line which:

- a. Passes through the Centre of Gravity, parallel to a line through the wing tips.
- b. Passes through the wing tips.
- c. Passes through the Centre of Pressure, at right angles to the direction of the airflow.
- d. Passes through the quarter-chord point of the wing root at right angles to the longitudinal axis.
- 89. Lowering the fiaps during a landing approach:
  - a. Increases the angle of descent without increasing the airspeed.
  - b. Permits approaches at a higher indicated airspeed.
  - c. Decreases the angle of descent without increasing power.
  - d. Eliminates floating.
- 90. During a manoeuvre, the ailerons are deflected and returned to neutral when the aircraft has attained a small angle of bank. If the aircraft then returns to a wings-level attitude without further control movement, it is:
  - a. Statically and dynamically stable.
  - b. Neutrally stable.
  - c. Statically stable but dynamically neutral.
  - d. Statically stable.
- 91. The purpose of an anti-balance tab is to:
  - a. Ensure that the pilot's physical control load increases with increase of control surface deflection.
  - b. Trim the aircraft.
  - c. Reduce the load required to move the controls at all speeds.
  - d. Reduce the load required to move the controls at high speeds only.
- 92. The phenomenon of flutter is described as:
  - a. Oscillatory motion of part or parts of the aircraft relative to the remainder of the structure.
  - b. Rapid oscillatory motion involving only rotation of the control surfaces, associated with the shock waves produced around the control surfaces.
  - c. Rapid movement of the airframe caused by vibration from the engines.
  - d. Reversal of the ailerons caused by wing torsional flexibility.

- 93. An aileron could be balanced aerodynamical I y by:
  - a. Having the control hinge set back behind the control surface leading edge.
  - b. Making the up aileron move through a larger angle than the down aileron.
  - c. Attaching a weight to the control surface forward of the hinge.
  - d. Having springs in the control circuit to assist movement
- 94. When the control column is pushed forward, a balance tab on the elevator:
  - a. Will move up relative to the control surface.
  - b. Will move down relative to the control surface.
  - c. Will only move if the trim wheel is operated.
  - d. Moves to the neutral position.
- 95. The purpose of a differential ailerons is to:
  - a. Reduce the opposite yawing moment when making a turn.
  - b. Increase the yawing moment which opposes a turn.
  - c. Induce a pitching moment to prevent the nose from dropping in the turn.
  - d. Improve the rate of roll.
- 96. The respective primary and secondary effects of the rudder control are:
  - a. Yaw and roll.
  - b. Yaw and pitch.
  - c. Pitch and yaw
  - d. Roll and yaw.
- 97. On an aircraft with a simple trim tab incorporated into a control surface, when the surface is moved, the tab remains in the same position relative to the:
  - a. Control surface.
  - b. Relative airflow.
  - c. Boundary layer airflow.
  - d. Aircraft horizontal plane.
- 98. Which flying control surface(s) give(s) control about the aircraft's normal axis?
  - a. The rudder.
  - b. The ailerons.
  - c. The elevator.
  - d. The flaps.
- 99. The primary and secondary effects of applying the left rudder alone are:
  - a. Left yaw and left roll.
  - b. Left yaw and right roll.
  - c. Right yaw and left roll.
  - d. Right yaw and right roll.

- 100. When displacing the ailerons from the neutral position:
  - a. The down-going aileron causes an increase in induced drag.
  - b. The up-going aileron causes an increase in induced drag.
  - c. Induced drag remains the same; the up-going aileron causes a smaller increase in profile drag than the down-going aileron.
  - d. Both cause an increase in induced drag.

101. An aircraft's rudder is fitted with a balance tab. Movement of the rudder bar to the right, to yaw the aircraft to the right, will move the balance tab to the:

- a. Left and the rudder to the right.
- b. Right and the rudder to the left.
- c. Right and the rudder to the right.
- d. Left and the rudder to the left.
- 102. An aircraft has a tendency to fly right wing low with hands off. It is trimmed with a tab the left aileron. The trim tab will:
  - a. Move down causing the left aileron to move up, and right aileron to move down.
  - b. Move up, causing the left aileron to move up and right aileron to move down.
  - c. Move down, causing the left aileron to move up, right aileron remains neutral.
  - d. Move up causing the left wing to move down, ailerons remain neutral.
- 103. Ailerons give:
  - a. Lateral control about the longitudinal axis.
  - b. Lateral control about the lateral axis.
  - c. Longitudinal control about the lateral axis.
  - d. Directional control about the normal axis.

104. Following re-trimming for straight and level flight, in an aircraft with a C of G near its forward limit, and an elevator fitted with a conventional trim-tab:

- a. Nose-up pitch authority will be reduced.
- b. Nose-down pitch authority will be reduced.
- c. Longitudinal stability will be reduced.
- d. Tailplane down-load will be reduced.
- 105. Controls are mass balanced in order to:
  - a. Eliminate control flutter.
  - b. Aerodynamical I y assist the pilot in moving the controls.
  - c. Provide equal control forces on all three controls.
  - d. Return the control surface to neutral when the controls are released.
- 106. The primary and secondary effects of the aileron control are:
  - a. Roll and yaw.
  - b. Roll and pitch.
  - c. Pitch and yaw
  - d. Yaw and roll.

- 107. The purpose of a spring-bias trim system is:
  - a. To reduce to zero the effort required by the pilot to counter stick force, after making a control movement.
  - b. To maintain a constant tension in the trim tab system.
  - c. To increase the feel in the control system.
  - d. To compensate for temperature changes in cable tension.
- 108. A control surface may have a mass balance fitted to it, in order to:
  - a. Help prevent a rapid and uncontrolled oscillation which is called "flutter".
  - b. Keep the control surface level.
  - c. Lighten the forces needed to control the surface.
  - d. Provide the pilot with "feel".
- 109. A control surface may be mass balanced by:
  - a. Attaching a weight acting forward of the hinge line.
  - b. Fitting a balance tab.
  - c. Fitting an anti-balance tab.
  - d. Attaching weight acting aft of the hinge line.
- 110. Fixed trim tabs on ailerons:
  - a. Can be adjusted on the ground after a test flight to make wings-level flight easier.
  - b. Can be adjusted during flight.
  - c. Should never be adjusted.
  - d. Can be adjusted on the ground after a test flight to make turning easier.
- 111. Which flying control surface(s) give(s) longitudinal control?
  - a. The elevator.
  - b. The rudder.
  - c. The ailerons.
  - d. The flaps.

#### 112. The purpose of a trim tab is:

- a. To zero the load on the pilots controls in the flight attitude required.
- b. To assist the pilot in initiating movement of the controls.
- c. To provide feel to the controls at high speed.
- d. To increase the effectiveness of the controls.
- 113. Yawing is a rotation about:
  - a. The normal axis controlled by the rudder.
  - b. The lateral axis controlled by the rudder.
  - c. The longitudinal axis controlled by the ailerons.
  - d. The normal axis controlled by the elevator.
- 114. If the control column is moved forward and to the left:
  - a. The left aileron moves up, right aileron moves down, elevator moves down.
  - b. The left aileron moves up, right aileron moves down, elevator moves up.
  - c. The left aileron moves down, right aileron moves up, elevator moves down.
  - d. The left aileron moves down, right aileron moves up, elevator moves up.

- 115. If the control column is moved to the right, a balance tab on the left aileron should:
  - a. Move up relative to the aileron.
  - b. Move down relative to the aileron.
  - c. Not move unless the aileron trim wheel is turned.
  - d. Move to the neutral position.
- 116. 'Differential Ailerons'are a design feature that helps to counteract:
  - a. Adverse yaw.
  - b. Stability about the longitudinal axis.
  - c. Positive aircraft stability.
  - d. Adverse roll.
- 117. If the angle of attack is increased above the stalling angle:
  - a. Lift will decrease and drag will increase.
  - b. Lift and drag will both decrease.
  - c. Lift will increase and drag will decrease.
  - d. Lift and drag will both increase.
- 118. If the Angle of Attack is increased beyond the Critical Angle of Attack, the wing will no longer produce sufficient lift to support the weight of the aircraft:
  - a. Regardless of airspeed or pitch attitude.
  - b. Unless the airspeed is greater than the normal stall speed.
  - c. Unless the pitch attitude is on or below the natural horizon.
  - d. In which case, the control column should be pulled-back immediately.
- 119. An aeroplane wing stalls when:
  - a. The critical angle of attack is exceeded.
  - b. The indicated airspeed is too low.
  - c. The laminar airflow becomes turbulent.
  - d. It is subjected to unusually high 'G'forces.
- 120. The stalling speed of an aircraft in straight and level flight is 60 kt, IAS. What is its stalling speed in a level 60° banked turn?
  - a. 85 kt
  - b. 60 kt
  - c. 43 kt
  - d. 120 kt

121. When an aircraft is in a steady climb, the aerodynamic lift is \_\_\_\_\_the weight.

- a. Less than.
- b. Balanced by.
- c. Equal to.
- d. Greater than.

122. A typical stalling angle of attack for an aircraft wing is:

- a. 16°
- b. 4°
- c. 30°
- d. 45°

123. The maximum angle of climb of an aeroplane is determined by:

- a. Excess engine thrust.
- b. The aircraft weight.
- c. Wind speed.
- d. Excess airspeed.

124. The angle of attack at which an aeroplane stalls:

- a. Will remain constant, regardless of gross weight.
- b. Will be smaller flying downwind than when flying upwind.
- c. Is dependent upon the speed of the airflow over the wing.
- d. Is a function of speed and density altitude.

125. When the aircraft is in a spin, the direction of spin is most reliably found by reference to which of the following indications?

- a. Turn needle.
- b. Artificial horizon.
- c. Slip indicator.
- d. Direction indicator.

126. The reason for washout being designed into an aircraft wing is to:-

- a. Cause the inboard section of the wing to stall first.
- b. Increase the effectiveness of the flaps.
- c. Cause the outboard section of the wing to stall first.
- d. Decrease the effectiveness of the ailerons.
- 127. The maximum allowable airspeed with flaps extended ( $V_{FE}$ ) is lower than cruising speed because:
  - a. At speeds higher than  $V_{\mbox{\tiny FE}}$  the aerodynamic forces would overload the flap and wing structures.
  - b. Flaps are used only when preparing to land.
  - c. Too much drag is induced.
  - d. Flaps will stall if they are deployed at too high an airspeed.

128. The basic stailing speed of an aeroplane is 80 knots. In a level turn with 45° angle bank, the stalling speed is:

- a. 95 knots.
- b. 33 knots.
- c. 86 knots.
- d. 113 knots.

- 129. At the stall, the Centre of Pressure moving backwards will cause the nose to\_\_\_\_\_, and the decreased lift will cause the aircraft to\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Drop / lose height.
  - b. Yaw / reduce speed.
  - c. Rise / sink.
  - d. Drop / reduce speed.
- 130. V<sub>NE</sub> is:
  - a. The maximum airspeed at which the aircraft may be flown.
  - b. The airspeed which must not be exceeded except in a dive.
  - c. The maximum airspeed at which manoeuvres approaching the stall may be carried out.
  - d. The maximum speed, above which flaps should not be extended.
- 131. In a climb at a steady speed, the thrust is:
  - a. Greater than the aerodynamic drag.
  - b. Equal to the aerodynamic drag.
  - c. Less than the aerodynamic drag.
  - d. Equal to the weight component along the flight path.
- 132. What is the significance of the speed known as  $V_{NO}$ ?
  - a. It signifies the upper limit of the normal operating speed range.
  - b. It is the maximum speed at which abrupt movements of the controls will result in a stall, before the aircraft's positive load limit is exceeded.
  - c. It is the speed beyond which structural failure of the airframe will occur.
  - d. It signifies the airspeed which must never be exceeded.
- 133. The stalling speed of an aircraft, assuming weight to be constant, is a function of the:
  - a. Square root of the Load Factor
  - b. Inverse of the Load Factor.
  - c. Indicated airspeed.
  - d. Square of the weight.
- 134. The angle of climb is proportional to:
  - a. The amount by which the thrust exceeds the drag.
  - b. The amount by which the lift exceeds the weight.
  - c. The amount by which the thrust exceeds the weight.
  - d. The angle of attack of the wing.
- 135. If an aircraft is flown at its design manoeuvring speed V<sub>A</sub>:
  - a. It is not possible to exceed the limit load.
  - b. It is possible to subject the aircraft to a load greater than its limit load during high 'g' manoeuvres.
  - c. It is only possible to subject the aircraft to a load greater than its limit load during violent increases in incidence, i.e. when using excessive stick force to pull-out of a dive.
  - d. It must be immediately slowed down if turbulence is encountered.

- 136. If the aircraft weight is increased, without change of C of G position, the stalling angle attack will:
  - a. Remain the same.
  - b. Decrease.
  - c. Increase.
  - d. Remain the same. The position of the C of G does not affect the stall speed.

137. At which angle of attack should we normally expect beginning of a stall?

- a. 10° 18°.
- b. 3° 5°.
- c. 5° 10°.
- d. grater than 25°.
- 138.
- The best angle of attack on the wing polar diagram is marked as: (See Fig. PPL PoF-2)
  - a. 4.
  - b. 2.
  - c. 5.
  - d. 6.

139. The critical angle of attack on the wing polar diagram is marked as: (See Fig. PPL PoF-2)

- a. 6.
- b. 1.
- c. 4.
- d. 5.

140. The angle of attack for a minimum drag on the wing polar diagram is marked as: (See Fig. PPL PoF-2)

- a. 3.
- b. 4.
- c. 5.
- d. 7.

141. Which wing shape has the greatest induction drag?

- a. Rectangular.
- b. Taper.
- c. Elliptical.
- d. Double taper.

142. If the velocity of an airstream is doubled the drag coefficient will

- a. increase 4-times.
- b. double.
- c. not change.
- d. increase 6-times.

143. Approximately for what percent will the stall speed increase if wing loading increases by 15%?

- a. 7%.
- b. 0%.
- c. 15%.

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- d. 20%.
- 144. What is the approximate percentage increase of a minimum speed if an aircraft mass is increased for 20%?
  - a. 10%.
  - b. 0%.
  - c. 120%.
  - d. 20%.

145. If an airplane weights 3,000 pounds, what approximate weight would the airplane structure be required to support during a 20° banked turn while maintaining altitude? (See Fig. PPL PoF-1)

- a. 3,180 lbs
- b. 4,000 lbs
- c. 3,350 lbs
- d. 3,000 lbs
- 146. If an airplane weights 4,600 pounds, what approximate weight would the airplane structure be required to support during a 50° banked turn while maintaining altitude? (See Fig. PPL PoF-1)
  - a. 7,160 lbs.
  - b. 5,400 lbs.
  - c. 9,200 lbs.
  - d. 8,180 lbs.

147. What is the maximum allowed bank angle when flying an aircraft with limiting load factor of +2,5 G? (See Fig. PPL PoF-1)

- a. 66°.
- b. 55°.
- c. 60°.
- d. 50°.

148. What is the maximum allowed bank angle when flying an aircraft with limiting load factor of +3,8 G? (See Fig. PPL PoF-1)

- a. 75°.
- b. 70°.
- c. 67°.
- d. 53°.

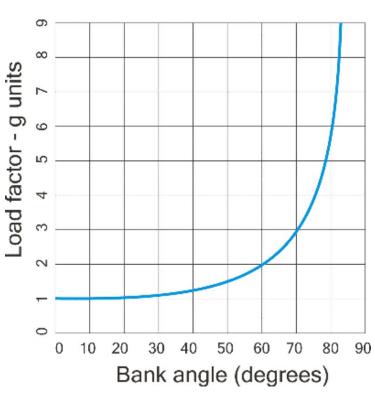
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What is the load factor in a 60° banked level turn? (See Fig. PPL PoF-1)

- a. 2.0 G
- b. 1.5 G
- c. 0.5 G
- d. 1G

150. The airspeed at which a pilot will not yet overstress the airframe of an aicraft by momentarily up-deflecting the elevator is

- a. V<sub>A</sub>.
- b. V<sub>B</sub>.
- c. V<sub>FE</sub>.
- $d. \quad V_{S}.$



APPENDIX:

Fig. PPL PoF-1.

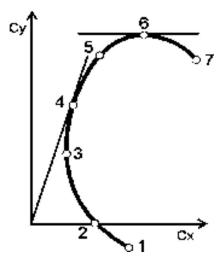


Fig. PPL PoF-2.