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The following sample exam for Aircraft Dispatcher (ADX) is suitable study material for ADX tests. The full ADX test is 80 questions. Please note that the ADX and Airline Transport Pilot (121) (ATP) tests share many questions as the regulations specify 13 identical areas for testing. Students for the ADX and ATP would do well to study both sets of questions. The Application Identification, Information Verification and Authorization Requirements Matrix lists all FAA exams. It is available at http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/media/testing_matrix.pdf.

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Addendum A, July 2011

http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/supplements/media/Addendum_A_ATP_Sup_7C.pdf

Addendum B, May 2012

http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/supplements/media/Addendum_B_ATP_Sup_7C.pdf

Addendum C, March 2014

http://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/supplements/media/Addendum_C_ATP_Sup_7C.pdf

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Sample ADX Exam:

1 . PLT128

Even a small amount of frost, ice, or snow may

- A) increase takeoff performance.
- B) hinder lift production to a point where takeoff will be impossible.
- C) decrease takeoff ground run.

2 . PLT473

What is the purpose of an elevator trim tab?

- A) Modify the downward tail load for various airspeeds in flight eliminating flight-control pressures.
- B) Adjust the speed tail load for different airspeeds in flight allowing neutral control forces.
- C) Provide horizontal balance as airspeed is increased to allow hands-off flight.

3 . PLT473

Which is a purpose of ground spoilers?

- A) Aid in rolling an airplane into a turn.
- B) Increase the rate of descent without gaining airspeed.
- C) Reduce the wings' lift upon landing.

4 . PLT002

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 73, 74, and 75.) What is the maneuvering speed for Operating Conditions L-5?

- A) 137 knots.
- B) 130 knots.
- C) 124 knots.

5 . PLT008

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 73, 74, and 75.) What is VREF for Operating Conditions L-1?

- A) 142 knots.
- B) 145 knots.
- C) 144 knots.

6 . PLT010

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 45, 46, and 47.) What is the STAB TRIM setting for Operating Conditions A-3?

- A) 22 percent MAC.
- B) 20 percent MAC.
- C) 18 percent MAC.

7 . PLT020

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 63 and 64.) What is the turbulent air penetration N1 power setting for Operating Conditions Q-1?

- A) 84.0 percent.
- B) 82.4 percent.
- C) 84.8 percent.

8 . PLT012

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 51 and 52.) What is the total time from starting to the alternate through completing the approach for Operating Conditions L-1?

- A) 44 minutes.
- B) 30 minutes.
- C) 29 minutes.

9 . PLT021

(Refer to FAA-CT-8080-7C, Appendix 2, Figures 51 and 52.) What is the landing weight for Operating Conditions L-1?

- A) 81,600 pounds.
- B) 80,300 pounds.
- C) 78,900 pounds.

10 . PLT121

What is the maximum allowable weight that may be carried on a pallet which has the dimensions of 96.1 X 133.3 inches?

Floor load limit = 249 lb/sq ft

Pallet weight = 347 lb

Tiedown devices = 134 lb

- A) 21,669.8 pounds.
- B) 22,120.8 pounds.
- C) 21,803.8 pounds.

11 . PLT010

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 53 and 55.) What is the STAB TRIM setting for Operating Conditions R-5?

- A) 7-1/2 ANU.
- B) 6-3/4 ANU.
- C) 8 ANU.

12 . PLT004

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 71 and 72.) What is the approximate level-off pressure altitude after drift-down under Operating Conditions D-3?

- A) 19,800 feet.
- B) 22,200 feet.
- C) 21,600 feet.

13 . PLT011

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 45, 46, and 47.) What are V1 and VR speeds for Operating Conditions A-1?

- A) V1 120.5 knots; VR 123.5 knots.
- B) V1 123.1 knots; VR 125.2 knots.
- C) V1 122.3 knots; VR 124.1 knots.

14 . PLT104

The crew monitoring function is essential,

- A) particularly during high altitude cruise flight modes to prevent CAT issues.
- B) particularly during approach and landing to prevent CFIT.
- C) during RNAV departures in class B airspace.

15 . PLT104

CRM training refers to

- A) the two components of flight safety and resource management, combined with mentor feedback.
- B) the three components of initial indoctrination awareness, recurrent practice and feedback, and continual reinforcement.
- C) the five components of initial indoctrination awareness, communication principles, recurrent practice and feedback, coordination drills, and continual reinforcement.

16 . PLT104

Error management evaluation

- A) should recognize not all errors can be prevented.
- B) may include error evaluation that should have been prevented.
- C) must mark errors as disqualifying.

17 . PLT205

What is the effect of alcohol consumption on functions of the body?

- A) Alcohol has an adverse effect, especially as altitude increases.
- B) Alcohol has little effect if followed by an ounce of black coffee for every ounce of alcohol.
- C) Small amounts of alcohol in the human system increase judgment and decision-making abilities.

18 . PLT097

What is a symptom of carbon monoxide poisoning?

- A) Rapid, shallow breathing.
- B) Dizziness.
- C) Pain and cramping of the hands and feet.

19 . PLT108

Freezing Point Depressant (FPD) fluids used for deicing

- A) on the ground, cause no performance degradation during takeoff.
- B) provide ice protection during flight.
- C) are intended to provide ice protection on the ground only.

20 . PLT475

If squalls are reported at the destination airport, what wind conditions exist?

- A) Sudden increases in wind speed of at least 15 knots to a sustained wind speed of 20 knots, lasting for at least 1 minute.
- B) Rapid variation in wind direction of at least 20° and changes in speed of at least 10 knots between peaks and lulls.
- C) A sudden increase in wind speed of at least 16 knots, the speed rising to 22 knots or more for 1 minute or longer.

21 . PLT274

When you hear a SIGMET on an ATC frequency forecasting severe icing conditions on the route to your destination, you plan for

- A) the installed transport category airplane ice protection system protecting against all types and levels of icing as designed.
- B) very little airframe icing because of an OAT of -10°C or colder, the moisture is already frozen and cannot adhere to airplane surfaces.
- C) the possibility of freezing rain and freezing drizzle that can accumulate on and beyond the limits of any system.

22 . PLT302

Which type clouds may be associated with the jetstream?

- A) Cumulonimbus cloud line where the jetstream crosses the cold front.
- B) Cirrostratus cloud band on the polar side and under the jetstream.
- C) Cirrus clouds on the equatorial side of the jetstream.

23 . PLT302

Where are jetstreams normally located?

- A) In a break in the tropopause where intensified temperature gradients are located.
- B) In areas of strong low pressure systems in the stratosphere.
- C) In a single continuous band, encircling the Earth, where there is a break between the equatorial and polar tropopause.

24 . PLT203

Which feature is associated with the tropopause?

- A) Absence of wind and turbulence.
- B) Abrupt change of temperature lapse rate.
- C) Absolute upper limit of cloud formation.

25 . PLT495

Convective clouds which penetrate a stratus layer can produce which threat to instrument flight?

- A) Freezing rain.
- B) Embedded thunderstorms.
- C) Clear air turbulence.

26 . PLT475

Where do squall lines most often develop?

- A) Ahead of a cold front.
- B) In an occluded front.
- C) Behind a stationary front.

27 . PLT506

The maximum speed during takeoff that the pilot may abort the takeoff and stop the airplane within the accelerate-stop distance is

- A) VEF.
- B) V1.
- C) V2.

28 . PLT395

What is the name of an area beyond the end of a runway which does not contain obstructions and can be considered when calculating takeoff performance of turbine-powered aircraft?

- A) Stopway.
- B) Obstruction clearance plane.
- C) Clearway.

29 . PLT432

Operational control of a flight refers to

- A) exercising the privileges of pilot in command of an aircraft.
- B) the specific duties of any required crewmember.
- C) exercising authority over initiating, conducting, or terminating a flight.

30 . PLT395

An airport approved by the Administrator for use by an air carrier certificate holder for the purpose of providing service to a community when the regular airport is not available is a/an

- A) alternate airport.
- B) provisional airport.
- C) destination airport.

31 . PLT396

If a four-engine air carrier airplane is dispatched from an airport that is below landing minimums, what is the maximum distance that a departure alternate airport may be located from the departure airport?

- A) Not more than 2 hours at normal cruise speed in still air with one engine inoperative.
- B) Not more than 2 hours at cruise speed with one engine inoperative.
- C) Not more than 1 hour at normal cruise speed in still air with one engine inoperative.

32 . PLT459

The minimum weather conditions that must exist for a domestic air carrier flight to take off from an airport that is not listed in the Air Carrier's Operations Specifications (takeoff minimums are not prescribed for that airport.) is

- A) 1,000 - 1, 900 - 11/4, or 800 - 2.
- B) 1,000 - 1, 900 - 11/2, or 800 - 2.
- C) 800 - 2, 1,100 - 1, or 900 - 11/2.

33 . PLT380

The minimum weather conditions that must exist for an airport to be listed as an alternate in the dispatch release for a domestic air carrier flight are

- A) those listed in the NOAA IAP charts for the alternate airport, from 1 hour before or after the ETA for that flight.
- B) those listed in the NOAA IAP charts for the alternate airport, at the time the flight is expected to arrive.
- C) those specified in the certificate holder's Operations Specifications for that airport, when the flight arrives.

34 . PLT493

What action is required prior to takeoff if snow is adhering to the wings of an air carrier airplane?

- A) Add 15 knots to the normal VR speed as the snow will blow off.
- B) Sweep off as much snow as possible and the residue must be polished smooth.
- C) Assure that the snow is removed from the airplane.

35 . PLT390

Who must the crew of a domestic or flag air carrier airplane be able to communicate with, under normal conditions, along the entire route (in either direction) of flight?

- A) Appropriate dispatch office.
- B) Any FSS.
- C) ARINC.

36 . PLT409

You are traveling deadhead to or from a duty assignment. How does this affect the computation of flight time limits for air carrier flight crewmembers? It is

- A) not considered to be part of a rest period.
- B) considered part of the rest period for flight crew members.
- C) considered part of the rest period if the flightcrew includes more than two pilots.

37 . PLT422

A domestic air carrier flight has a delay while on the ground, at an intermediate airport. How long before a redispatch release is required?

- A) Not more than 2 hours.
- B) More than 6 hours.
- C) Not more than 1 hour.

38 . PLT210

If it becomes necessary to shut down one engine on a domestic air carrier three-engine turbojet airplane, the pilot in command

- A) may continue to the planned destination if this is considered as safe as landing at the nearest suitable
- B) may continue to the planned destination if approved by the company aircraft dispatcher.
- C) must land at the nearest suitable airport, in point of time, at which a safe landing can be made.

39 . PLT403

An aircraft dispatcher declares an emergency for a flight and a deviation results. A written report shall be sent through the air carriers operations manager by the

- A) dispatcher to the FAA Administrator within 10 days of the event.
- B) pilot in command to the FAA Administrator within 10 days of the event.
- C) certificate holder to the FAA Administrator within 10 days of the event.

40 . PLT368

When carrying a passenger aboard an all-cargo aircraft, which of the following applies?

- A) Crew-type oxygen must be provided for the passenger.
- B) The passenger must have access to a seat in the pilot compartment.
- C) The pilot in command may authorize the passenger to be admitted to the crew compartment.

41 . PLT029

Except when in cruise flight, below what altitude are non-safety related cockpit activities by flight crewmembers prohibited?

- A) FL 180.
- B) 14,500 feet.
- C) 10,000 feet.

42 . PLT443

When a pilot's flight time consists of 80 hours pilot-in-command in a particular type airplane, how does this affect the minimums for the destination airport?

- A) Has no effect on destination but alternate minimums are no less than 300 feet and 1 statute mile.
- B) Minimums are increased by 100 feet and 1/2 statute mile.
- C) Minimums are decreased by 100 feet and 1/2 statute mile.

43 . PLT436

If a required instrument on a multiengine airplane becomes inoperative, which document required under 14 CFR part 121 dictates whether the flight may continue en route?

- A) A Master Minimum Equipment List for the airplane.
- B) Certificate holder's manual.
- C) Original dispatch release.

44 . PLT398

By regulation, who shall provide the pilot in command of a domestic or flag air carrier airplane information concerning weather, and irregularities of facilities and services?

- A) Air route traffic control center.
- B) The aircraft dispatcher.
- C) Director of operations.

45 . PLT323

Where can the pilot of a flag air carrier airplane find the latest FDC NOTAM's?

- A) Notices To Airmen publication.
- B) Chart Supplements U.S. (formerly Airport Facility Directory).
- C) Any company dispatch facility.

46 . PLT404

Which emergency equipment is required for a flag air carrier flight between John F. Kennedy International Airport and London, England?

- A) A self-buoyant, water resistant, portable, survival-type emergency locator transmitter for each required life raft.
- B) A life preserver equipped with an approved survivor locator light or other flotation device for the full seating capacity of the airplane.
- C) An appropriately equipped survival kit attached to each required life raft.

47 . PLT404

For a flight over uninhabited terrain, an airplane operated by a flag or supplemental air carrier must carry enough appropriately equipped survival kits for

- A) all passenger seats.
- B) all aircraft occupants.
- C) all of the passengers, plus 10 percent.

48 . PLT408

Which factor determines the minimum number of hand fire extinguishers required for flight under 14 CFR part 121?

- A) Airplane passenger seating accommodations.
- B) Number of passenger cabin occupants.
- C) Number of passengers and crewmembers aboard.

49 . PLT388

Information recorded during normal operation of a cockpit voice recorder in a large turbine powered airplane

- A) may be erased or otherwise obliterated except for the last 30 minutes prior to landing.
- B) may all be erased or otherwise obliterated except for the last 30 minutes.
- C) may all be erased, as the voice recorder is not required on an aircraft with reciprocating engines.

50 . PLT449

If a flight crewmember completes a required annual flight check in December 2010 and the required annual recurrent flight check in January 2012, the latter check is considered to have been taken in

- A) January 2011.
- B) November 2010.
- C) December 2011.

51 . PLT449

A pilot in command operating under 14 CFR part 121 must complete a proficiency check or simulator training within the preceding

- A) 24 calendar months.
- B) 6 calendar months.
- C) 12 calendar months.

52 . PLT442

What are the line check requirements for a domestic air carrier pilot in command under 60 years of age?

- A) The line check is required only when the pilot is scheduled to fly into special areas and airports.
- B) The line check is required every 12 calendar months in one of the types of airplanes to be flown.
- C) The line check is required every 12 months in each type aircraft in which the pilot may fly.

53 . PLT409

A flag air carrier may schedule a pilot to fly in an airplane, having two pilots and one additional flight crewmember, for no more than

- A) 8 hours during any 12 consecutive hours.
- B) 12 hours during any 24 consecutive hours.
- C) 10 hours during any 12 consecutive hours.

54 . PLT438

For flights above which cabin altitude must oxygen be provided for all passengers during the entire flight at those altitudes?

- A) 14,000 feet.
- B) 16,000 feet.
- C) 15,000 feet.

55 . PLT443

The `age 65 rule` of 14 CFR part 121 applies to

- A) any flight crewmember.
- B) any required pilot crewmember.
- C) the pilot in command only.

56 . PLT436

Which 14 CFR part 121 required document includes descriptions of the required crewmember functions to be performed in the event of an emergency?

- A) Airplane Flight Manual.
- B) Pilot`s Emergency Procedures Handbook.
- C) Certificate holder`s manual.

57 . PLT389

Where is a list maintained for routes that require special navigation equipment?

- A) International Flight Information Manual.
- B) Air Carrier's Operations Specifications.
- C) Airplane Flight Manual.

58 . PLT429

When must an air carrier airplane be DME/suitable RNAV system equipped?

- A) For flights at or above FL 180.
- B) Whenever VOR navigation equipment is required.
- C) In Class E airspace for all IFR or VFR on Top operations.

59 . PLT438

What is the minimum number of acceptable oxygen-dispensing units for first-aid treatment of occupants who might require undiluted oxygen for physiological reasons?

- A) Four.
- B) Two.
- C) Three.

60 . PLT438

The supplemental oxygen requirements for passengers when a flight is operated at FL 250 is dependent upon the airplane's ability to make an emergency descent to a flight altitude of

- A) 14,000 feet within 4 minutes.
- B) 12,000 feet within 4 minutes or at a minimum rate of 2,500 ft/min, whichever is quicker.
- C) 10,000 feet within 4 minutes.

61 . PLT450

Normally, a dispatcher for domestic or flag operations should be scheduled for no more than

- A) 10 hours of duty in any 24 consecutive hours.
- B) 8 hours of service in any 24 consecutive hours.
- C) 10 consecutive hours of duty.

62 . PLT447

When a facsimile replacement is received for an airman's medical certificate, for what maximum time is this document valid?

- A) 30 days.
- B) 90 days.
- C) 60 days.

63 . PLT463

How soon after the conviction for driving while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs shall it be reported to the FAA, Civil Aviation Security Division?

- A) No later than 60 days after the motor vehicle action.
- B) No later than 30 working days after the motor vehicle action.
- C) Required to be reported upon renewal of medical certificate.

64 . PLT409

In a 24-hour consecutive period, what is the maximum time, excluding briefing and debriefing, that an airline transport pilot may instruct other pilots in air transportation service?

- A) 6 hours.
- B) 10 hours.
- C) 8 hours.

65 . PLT393

Which publication includes information on operations in the North Atlantic High Level Airspace (NAT HLA).

- A) 14 CFR part 91.
- B) 14 CFR part 121.
- C) ICAO annex 1, chapter 2.

66 . PLT463

A person may not act as a crewmember of a civil aircraft if alcoholic beverages have been consumed by that person within the preceding

- A) 12 hours.
- B) 24 hours.
- C) 8 hours.

67 . PLT420

What minimum ground visibility may be used instead of a prescribed visibility criteria of RVR 16 when that RVR value is not reported?

- A) 1/4 SM.
- B) 1/2 SM.
- C) 3/4 SM.

68 . PLT406

What action should be taken if one of the two VHF radios fail while IFR in controlled airspace?

- A) Notify ATC immediately.
- B) Monitor the VOR receiver.
- C) Squawk 7600.

69 . PLT409

After takeoff, unforeseen circumstances arise. In this case, the flight duty period may be extended by as much as

- A) 2 hours.
- B) necessary to reach the closest suitable alternate crew base airport.
- C) necessary to land at next destination airport or alternate airport.

70 . PLT398

For flight planning, a Designated ETOPS Alternate Airport

- A) for ETOPS up to 180 minutes, must have RFFS equivalent to that specified by ICAO Category 3, unless the airport's RFFS can be augmented by local fire fighting assets within 45 minutes.
- B) for ETOPS up to 180 minutes, must have RFFS equivalent to that specified by ICAO Category 4, unless the airport's RFFS can be augmented by local fire fighting assets within 45 minutes.
- C) for ETOPS up to 180 minutes, must have RFFS equivalent to that specified by ICAO Category 4, unless the airport's RFFS can be augmented by local fire fighting assets within 30 minutes.

71 . PLT383

During an emergency, a pilot in command does not deviate from a 14 CFR rule but is given priority by ATC. To whom or under what condition is the pilot required to submit a written report?

- A) Upon request by ATC, submit a written report within 48 hours to the ATC manager.
- B) To the manager of the facility in control within 10 days.
- C) To the manager of the General Aviation District Office within 10 days.

72 . PLT391

While in IFR conditions, a pilot experiences two-way radio communications failure. Which route should be flown in the absence of an ATC assigned route or a route ATC has advised to expect in a further clearance?

- A) The most direct route to the filed alternate airport.
- B) The route filed in the flight plan.
- C) An off-airway route to the point of departure.

73 . PLT425

Before an ETOPS flight may commence, an ETOPS

- A) preflight check must be conducted by a certified A&P and signed off in the logbook.
- B) pre-departure service check must be certified by a PDSC Signatory Person.
- C) pre-departure check must be signed off by an A&P or the PIC for the flight.

74 . PLT366

What period of time must a person be hospitalized before an injury may be defined by the NTSB as a 'serious injury'?

- A) 48 hours; commencing within 7 days after date of the injury.
- B) 72 hours; commencing within 10 days after date of injury.
- C) 10 days, with no other extenuating circumstances.

75 . PLT407

Category II ILS operations below 1600 RVR and a 150-foot DH may be approved after the pilot in command has

- A) logged 100 hours' flight time in make and model airplane under 14 CFR part 121 and three Category II ILS approaches in actual or simulated IFR conditions with 150-foot DH since the beginning of the sixth preceding month.
- B) logged 90 hours' flight time, 10 takeoffs and landings in make and model airplane and three Category II ILS approaches in actual or simulated IFR conditions with 150-foot DH since the beginning of the sixth preceding month, in operations under 14 CFR part 91 and 121.
- C) made at least six Category II approaches in actual IFR conditions with 100-foot DH within the preceding 12 calendar months.

76 . PLT076

(Refer to FAA-CT-8080-7C, Appendix 2, Figure 149.) What will be the wind and temperature trend for an SAT ELP TUS flight at 16,000 feet?

- A) Temperature decrease slightly.
- B) Wind direction shift from southwest to east.
- C) Windspeed decrease.

77 . PLT061

KFTW UA/OV DFW/TM 1645/FL100/TP PA30/SK SCT031-TOP043/BKN060-TOP085/OVC097-TOPUNKN/WX FV00SM RA/TA 07.

This pilot report to Fort Worth (KFTW) indicates

- A) the aircraft is in light rain.
- B) the ceiling at KDFW is 6,000 feet.
- C) that the top of the ceiling is 4,300 feet.

78 . PLT021

(Refer to appendix 2, figures 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11.) What is the CG shift if the passengers in row 1 are moved to seats in row 9 under Loading Conditions BE-1?

- A) 6.2 inches aft.
- B) 1.5 inches aft.
- C) 5.6 inches aft.

79 . PLT021

(Refer to FAA-CT-8080-7C, Appendix 2, Figure 44.) What is the new CG if the weight is removed from the forward compartment under Loading Conditions WS 1?

- A) 27.1 percent MAC.
- B) 30.0 percent MAC.
- C) 26.8 percent MAC.

80 . PLT240

What are some characteristics of an airplane loaded with the CG at the aft limit?

- A) Lowest stall speed, lowest cruise speed, and highest stability.
- B) Highest stall speed, highest cruise speed, and least stability.
- C) Lowest stall speed, highest cruise speed, and least stability.