

# American Airlines Airport Code Practice Test (Sample)

## Study Guide



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## **Questions**

- 1. Which of these is the correct airport code for Sao Paulo?**
  - A. STX**
  - B. SGF**
  - C. GRU**
  - D. SHV**
- 2. Which airport code represents Birmingham, Alabama?**
  - A. BOS**
  - B. BHM**
  - C. BMI**
  - D. BUF**
- 3. Which airport code represents Manchester, United Kingdom?**
  - A. MAN**
  - B. MEX**
  - C. MFA**
  - D. MIA**
- 4. What is the airport code for La Guardia Airport in New York, New York?**
  - A. JFK**
  - B. LGA**
  - C. BNA**
  - D. ORF**
- 5. What does the airport code SJC stand for?**
  - A. San José International, California**
  - B. San Juan, Puerto Rico**
  - C. San Pedro Sula, Honduras**
  - D. San Salvador, El Salvador**
- 6. Which airport code represents Austin, Texas?**
  - A. AMA**
  - B. AUS**
  - C. ALB**
  - D. BWI**

- 7. What is the airport code for Key West, Florida?**
- A. HSV**
  - B. EYW**
  - C. JAN**
  - D. OGG**
- 8. What city is associated with the airport code MDT?**
- A. Middleton, Pennsylvania**
  - B. Minneapolis, Minnesota**
  - C. Middleburg, Virginia**
  - D. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**
- 9. Laredo, Texas is associated with which airport code?**
- A. LRD**
  - B. LEX**
  - C. KOA**
  - D. KIN**
- 10. Cedar Rapids/Iowa City is associated with which airport code?**
- A. CMI**
  - B. ORD**
  - C. YYC**
  - D. BUR**

## **Answers**

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1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. A

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## **Explanations**

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**1. Which of these is the correct airport code for Sao Paulo?**

- A. STX
- B. SGF
- C. GRU**
- D. SHV

The airport code for Sao Paulo is GRU, which stands for São Paulo/Guarulhos-Governador André Franco Montoro International Airport, the primary international airport serving the city. GRU is important not only because it is the main hub for international flights in Brazil, but it also handles domestic flights and is a key transit point for travelers connecting to other destinations in South America. Understanding airport codes often involves familiarity with IATA codes, which are typically three-letter abbreviations assigned to airports around the world. Each of these codes is unique to ensure clarity and avoid confusion in air travel operations. In this case, GRU is widely recognized in the airline industry, making it an essential code for those studying or working in aviation. The other options listed are codes for different airports located in various parts of the United States or territories, which are not related to Sao Paulo. For instance, STX is the airport code for Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in the U.S. Virgin Islands, SGF is for Springfield-Branson National Airport in Missouri, and SHV is for Shreveport Regional Airport in Louisiana. Each of these codes serves different geographical locations, emphasizing the specificity of IATA codes in identifying airports.

**2. Which airport code represents Birmingham, Alabama?**

- A. BOS
- B. BHM**
- C. BMI
- D. BUF

The airport code that represents Birmingham, Alabama, is BHM. This code is assigned by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Each airport is given a unique three-letter code to facilitate easy identification and communication within the airline and travel industries. BHM specifically connects to the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, which serves as the main airport for Birmingham, Alabama. In contrast, the other codes represent different airports in other locations: BOS is for Boston Logan International Airport in Massachusetts, BMI represents Central Illinois Regional Airport at Bloomington-Normal, and BUF is for Buffalo Niagara International Airport in New York. Therefore, BHM is uniquely tied to the Birmingham area, making it the correct choice.

**3. Which airport code represents Manchester, United Kingdom?**

- A. MAN**
- B. MEX**
- C. MFA**
- D. MIA**

The airport code that represents Manchester, United Kingdom, is MAN. This code is derived from the name of the city itself, with "MAN" serving as an abbreviation that is both easy to remember and aligns with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) norms for airport codes. In this instance, 'MAN' successfully identifies Manchester Airport, which is the primary airport serving the city and its surrounding metropolitan area. This airport plays a crucial role in international and domestic air travel. Understanding airport codes is important for travel planning, logistics, and navigation, as they provide a quick reference for the location of flights and airports. The other options provided relate to different cities: MEX represents Mexico City, MFA does not exist as a commonly recognized code, and MIA represents Miami.

**4. What is the airport code for La Guardia Airport in New York, New York?**

- A. JFK**
- B. LGA**
- C. BNA**
- D. ORF**

LaGuardia Airport, located in New York City, has the airport code LGA. This code is utilized for identification in airline operations, ticketing, and baggage handling, which is essential for both travelers and airline staff. The codes are typically derived from the airport's name or location to ensure clarity and simplicity in communication. LGA serves as a crucial hub for domestic flights and is known for being one of the primary airports serving the New York metropolitan area. The use of the code LGA is standardized across various platforms, making it easily recognizable among travelers and airport personnel. While other options like JFK correspond to John F. Kennedy International Airport, BNA refers to Nashville International Airport, and ORF is the code for Norfolk International Airport, none of these represent LaGuardia. This specificity makes LGA the clear and correct choice for identifying LaGuardia Airport.

**5. What does the airport code SJC stand for?**

**A. San José International, California**

**B. San Juan, Puerto Rico**

**C. San Pedro Sula, Honduras**

**D. San Salvador, El Salvador**

The airport code SJC represents San José International Airport, which is located in California. This airport serves the city of San José and is an important hub for both domestic and international flights. Its designation as SJC is part of the IATA (International Air Transport Association) coding system, which assigns three-letter codes to airports worldwide for ease of identification and communication. The other options correspond to different cities and airports that have their own unique codes. For instance, San Juan, Puerto Rico has the airport code SJU, while San Pedro Sula in Honduras is designated as SAP. San Salvador in El Salvador uses the code SAL. Therefore, the correct recognition of SJC as San José International reinforces the understanding of airport codes and their linkage to specific geographical locations.

**6. Which airport code represents Austin, Texas?**

**A. AMA**

**B. AUS**

**C. ALB**

**D. BWI**

The airport code representing Austin, Texas is AUS. This code is designated for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, which serves as the primary airport for the city of Austin. Each airport has a unique three-letter code that is assigned by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). AUS is derived from the name "Austin," making it easy to associate with the city. This airport is a major hub for both domestic and international flights and is known for its modern facilities and services tailored to travelers. The other codes mentioned correspond to different airports: AMA is for Amarillo, Texas; ALB represents Albany International Airport in New York; and BWI is the code for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Thus, AUS is distinctly recognized as the airport code for Austin, ensuring clarity and ease of identification for passengers and airlines alike.

**7. What is the airport code for Key West, Florida?**

**A. HSV**

**B. EYW**

**C. JAN**

**D. OGG**

The airport code for Key West, Florida, is EYW. This code is designated by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and is used in ticketing, baggage handling, and flight operations to identify the airport. Key West International Airport serves as the main airport for the Florida Keys, providing access to this popular tourist destination known for its beautiful scenery and vibrant culture. The other choices represent codes for different airports: HSV is for Huntsville International Airport in Alabama, JAN is for Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport in Mississippi, and OGG is for Kahului Airport in Maui, Hawaii. Each of these codes corresponds to airports located in distinct regions, illustrating the diversity of airport codes across the United States.

**8. What city is associated with the airport code MDT?**

- A. Middleton, Pennsylvania**
- B. Minneapolis, Minnesota**
- C. Middleburg, Virginia**
- D. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

The airport code MDT corresponds to Harrisburg International Airport, which serves the capital city of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. This code is part of the IATA (International Air Transport Association) airport code system, which assigns three-letter codes to airports around the world for ease of identification. MDT is specifically linked to the airport's location and is commonly used in flight itineraries, ticketing, and baggage handling. The other options do not relate to the correct airport code. Middleton is not a major airport location and lacks an associated IATA code. Minneapolis is served by Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport with a different code (MSP), and Middleburg, Virginia, does not have a significant airport with an IATA code that matches MDT. Therefore, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the accurate association for the airport code MDT.

**9. Laredo, Texas is associated with which airport code?**

- A. LRD**
- B. LEX**
- C. KOA**
- D. KIN**

Laredo, Texas, is associated with the airport code LRD. This code is specifically designated for Laredo International Airport, which serves the city and facilitates both domestic and some international flights. The airport code is derived from the name of the city it serves, adhering to the common industry practice of using initial letters that correspond to the city name. The other choices represent different locations: LEX is the airport code for Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, Kentucky; KOA refers to Kona International Airport in Hawaii; and KIN is the airport code for Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston, Jamaica. Each of these codes corresponds to airports in different regions, highlighting the unique identification system used for airports worldwide.

**10. Cedar Rapids/Iowa City is associated with which airport code?**

- A. CMI**
- B. ORD**
- C. YYC**
- D. BUR**

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City is associated with the airport code CMI, which stands for The Eastern Iowa Airport. This airport serves both Cedar Rapids and Iowa City in Iowa. The code CMI is derived from its location, closely related to the city names in the area. Other airport codes provided, such as ORD, YYC, and BUR, refer to different airports that are not related to Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. ORD is the code for O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, YYC is for Calgary International Airport in Canada, and BUR corresponds to Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California. Therefore, CMI is specifically designated for the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City region and accurately represents its geographical location.