

CITATION 550 ORAL PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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1. What is the takeoff max ITT?

- A. 680 degrees C
- B. 700 degrees C
- C. 720 degrees C
- D. 750 degrees C

2. Which option correctly describes generator loads at different altitudes?

- A. Up to 35,000 ft: 350 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps
- B. Up to 35,000 ft: 400 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps
- C. Up to 35,000 ft: 300 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps
- D. Up to 35,000 ft: 450 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps

3. What color are the warnings when a limiter has failed?

- A. Green
- B. Amber
- C. Red
- D. Blue

4. Which speed is higher among the Vfe values shown?

- A. 202 KIAS
- B. 176 KIAS
- C. 262 KIAS
- D. 277 KIAS

5. What is the usable fuel quantity in pounds?

- A. 5000 pounds
- B. 5008 pounds
- C. 500 pounds
- D. 5500 pounds

6. When does an altitude pressure switch actuate automatic drop of the passenger masks?

- A. 13,500 ft +/- 600 ft
- B. 12,000 ft
- C. 15,000 ft
- D. 14,000 ft

7. Which of the following is approved operations?

- A. VFR Day & Night
- B. IFR Day & Night including CAT I & II approaches
- C. Known Icing Conditions
- D. All of the above

8. What is the air temperature associated with WS O'HEAT air?

- A. 127°C
- B. 138°C
- C. 146°C
- D. 156°C

9. The Standby Battery Pack provides how many minutes of power for which instruments?

- A. 60 minutes for all instruments.
- B. 30 minutes for Gyro, Standby HSI, Standby A/S, and Alt.
- C. 15 minutes for Gyro, Standby HSI, Standby A/S, and Alt.
- D. 30 minutes for Standby HSI only.

10. What is the minimum ambient temperature?

- A. -65 degrees C
- B. -54 degrees C
- C. -40 degrees C
- D. -20 degrees C

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the takeoff max ITT?

- A. 680 degrees C
- B. 700 degrees C**
- C. 720 degrees C
- D. 750 degrees C

Takeoff ITT is the maximum turbine inlet temperature allowed when the engine is delivering takeoff power, set to protect the turbine while still providing full takeoff performance. For this engine, the approved takeoff limit is 700°C, which gives enough margin for the high thrust of takeoff without overstressing turbine components. Values like 680°C would unnecessarily restrict takeoff margins, while 720°C and 750°C would exceed the safe limit for takeoff and risk damage during that brief high-power phase.

2. Which option correctly describes generator loads at different altitudes?

- A. Up to 35,000 ft: 350 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps
- B. Up to 35,000 ft: 400 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps**
- C. Up to 35,000 ft: 300 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps
- D. Up to 35,000 ft: 450 Amps; Above 35,000 ft: 325 Amps

Altitude affects heat management and the available engine power, which in turn limits how much a generator can be loaded. At lower altitudes, the air is denser and cooling is more effective, so the electrical system can safely carry a higher load, up to 400 amps up to 35,000 feet. Above 35,000 feet, cooling becomes less effective and the engine can't deliver the same power, so the safe generator load is reduced to 325 amps to protect the generator and maintain stable electrical performance. This makes the option with 400 amps up to 35,000 feet and 325 amps above that the best description of generator loads at different altitudes. The other numbers don't reflect the typical limits used to prevent overheating and voltage regulation issues in high-altitude operation.

3. What color are the warnings when a limiter has failed?

- A. Green
- B. Amber
- C. Red**
- D. Blue

Color coding for cockpit alerts uses red for warnings, signaling an immediate hazardous condition that needs prompt crew action. A limiter failure is a fault that can affect safe operation, so it's treated as a warning rather than just an advisory. That's why the indicator would be red. Green typically means normal, amber indicates a caution or degraded performance, and blue is usually informational or advisory.

4. Which speed is higher among the Vfe values shown?

- A. 202 KIAS
- B. 176 KIAS
- C. 262 KIAS
- D. 277 KIAS

Vfe is the maximum speed you may fly with flaps in a given position. When you compare Vfe values for different flap settings, the one with the least flap extension typically allows the highest Vfe, because less flap drag and interference let the airplane tolerate a higher indicated airspeed. Among the speeds shown, 277 KIAS is the greatest, so it represents the highest Vfe value listed. The other values (202, 176, 262 KIAS) are lower because those flap configurations require lower maximum speeds to stay within safe operating limits.

5. What is the usable fuel quantity in pounds?

- A. 5000 pounds
- B. 5008 pounds
- C. 500 pounds
- D. 5500 pounds

Usable fuel quantity is the amount you can actually burn in flight, not the total the tanks can hold. It's found by subtracting the fuel that remains unusable in the system from the total fuel capacity. In this case, the aircraft's total capacity is 5500 pounds and 492 pounds are unusable due to the fuel system design. 5500 minus 492 equals 5008 pounds, which is the usable fuel available for flight planning. The other numbers don't reflect this subtraction, so they don't represent the usable amount.

6. When does an altitude pressure switch actuate automatic drop of the passenger masks?

- A. 13,500 ft +/- 600 ft
- B. 12,000 ft
- C. 15,000 ft
- D. 14,000 ft

The system uses a cabin-altitude sensor to decide when to drop the masks. When cabin altitude climbs to a calibrated threshold, the altitude switch triggers the automatic mask deployment so passengers have oxygen as soon as depressurization affects the cabin. For this aircraft, that threshold is set at about 13,500 feet, with a tolerance of roughly ± 600 feet. So deployment is expected in the vicinity of 12,900 to 14,100 feet cabin altitude. This range ensures masks deploy promptly during a loss of pressurization while avoiding unnecessary drops during normal climbs or cruise. If the threshold were significantly lower, masks might deploy too early; if it were higher, passengers could be without oxygen longer than is safe during a rapid depressurization.

7. Which of the following is approved operations?

- A. VFR Day & Night
- B. IFR Day & Night including CAT I & II approaches
- C. Known Icing Conditions
- D. All of the above**

Approved operations come from what the airplane is certified to do in its flight manual and operating limitations. This jet is certified to operate under VFR both day and night, and to operate IFR in both day and night with precision approaches down to Cat II. It also carries the necessary ice protection and certification to fly in known icing conditions within its defined limits. Because each of those capabilities is within the aircraft's certification, all of the listed operations are approved.

8. What is the air temperature associated with WS O'HEAT air?

- A. 127°C
- B. 138°C
- C. 146°C**
- D. 156°C

This question is testing recognition of a specific predefined condition in the aircraft's data: WS O'HEAT air refers to a particular heat-source condition where the air supplied for that system is set to a fixed temperature. The correct associated air temperature for this condition is 146°C, as defined in the reference data for this scenario. The other values are not the standard temperature specified for the WS O'HEAT condition, which is why they don't fit. Remember, this is a defined test/operational parameter, not the ambient outside air temperature you'd see in normal flight.

9. The Standby Battery Pack provides how many minutes of power for which instruments?

- A. 60 minutes for all instruments.
- B. 30 minutes for Gyro, Standby HSI, Standby A/S, and Alt.**
- C. 15 minutes for Gyro, Standby HSI, Standby A/S, and Alt.
- D. 30 minutes for Standby HSI only.

The Standby Battery Pack is designed to keep essential flight indicators alive for a limited period during an electrical failure. It specifically powers the Gyro (attitude reference), Standby HSI (heading), Standby A/S (airspeed), and Altimeter for 30 minutes. This combination of instruments provides the pilot with attitude, heading, airspeed, and altitude information when the primary systems are down, which is crucial for safe control and situational awareness. The other options don't fit because the battery doesn't cover all instruments for 60 minutes, nor does it provide only 15 minutes, and it isn't limited to standby HSI alone.

10. What is the minimum ambient temperature?

- A. -65 degrees C
- B. -54 degrees C**
- C. -40 degrees C
- D. -20 degrees C

The minimum ambient temperature is the lowest outside air temperature at which the aircraft is certified to operate. It comes from the aircraft's certification envelope and reflects the coldest conditions the systems, materials, and fluids are proven to handle. For this airplane, the certified minimum is -54°C, so temperatures colder than that fall outside the approved operating range unless special procedures are used. This matters because extreme cold can affect battery performance, fuel viscosity, hydraulic fluids, and avionics, potentially delaying or restricting operation. The other temperatures aren't the official certified minimum for this aircraft: -65°C is colder than the tested limit, while -40°C and -20°C are not the minimums specified for normal operation.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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