

SkyWest First Day 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. Check airmen, FAA inspectors, pilots and other individuals authorized to occupy the flight deck jumpseat are called what?**
 - A. Observer**
 - B. Captain**
 - C. Flight Attendant**
 - D. Ground Crew**

- 2. Which term refers to a person assigned to perform a duty in an aircraft during flight time?**
 - A. Crewmember**
 - B. Comat**
 - C. Bank**
 - D. Connection**

- 3. Which term means effective utilization and communication with all resources to achieve safe, efficient flight operations?**
 - A. Crew Resource Management**
 - B. Bank**
 - C. Bid**
 - D. Calendar Day**

- 4. What is the service operated by the appropriate authority to promote a safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of aircraft?**
 - A. Air Traffic Control (ATC)**
 - B. Airport Security**
 - C. Meteorological Service**
 - D. Flight Information Center**

- 5. What term refers to the actual elapsed time from departure to arrival for pay purposes?**
 - A. Flight Time**
 - B. Interline**
 - C. Head Wind**
 - D. Forward (FWD)**

- 6. Which aircraft variant has 69 passengers with 9 First Class seats, 16 Delta Comfort+ seats, and 44 Main Cabin seats?**
- A. CRJ 200**
 - B. CRJ 700 (69 PAX)**
 - C. CRJ 700 (70 PAX-AE)**
 - D. CRJ 700 (70 PAX-UAX)**
- 7. Which term describes the coordination of people and resources to optimize flight safety and efficiency?**
- A. Crew Resource Management**
 - B. Configuration**
 - C. Connection**
 - D. Comat**
- 8. What is the rear portion of the aircraft?**
- A. AFT**
 - B. Nose**
 - C. Wing**
 - D. Tail**
- 9. Which role is the flight attendant who teaches training courses or performs IOE and line checks?**
- A. Ground Instructor**
 - B. Flight Attendant**
 - C. InFlight Operations**
 - D. Intermediate Stop**
- 10. Which term refers to the overnight stay of an aircraft at a station?**
- A. Remain Overnight (RON) - aircraft**
 - B. Remain Overnight (RON) - flight attendant**
 - C. Round Trip**
 - D. Taxi**

Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. Check airmen, FAA inspectors, pilots and other individuals authorized to occupy the flight deck jumpseat are called what?

- A. Observer**
- B. Captain**
- C. Flight Attendant**
- D. Ground Crew**

Observers are the term for anyone permitted to sit in the flight deck jumpseat for observation, evaluation, or regulatory purposes—such as check airmen, FAA inspectors, and pilots or others with authorization. This label sets them apart from the active flight crew, since their role is not to operate the aircraft but to observe or oversee flight operations. The other options describe roles that aren't designated jumpseat occupants in the cockpit during flight (a captain is part of the flight crew, a flight attendant operates in the cabin, and ground crew wouldn't sit in the cockpit).

2. Which term refers to a person assigned to perform a duty in an aircraft during flight time?

- A. Crewmember**
- B. Comat**
- C. Bank**
- D. Connection**

In aviation, the term crewmember refers to a person assigned to perform a duty on the aircraft during flight time. This includes pilots, flight attendants, and any other crew members designated to operate or support the flight while it is in the air. The other terms don't fit because they aren't used to describe people who have duties on an aircraft during flight—comat isn't a relevant aviation term, while bank and connection relate to finance or networking, not personnel on a flight.

3. Which term means effective utilization and communication with all resources to achieve safe, efficient flight operations?

- A. Crew Resource Management**
- B. Bank**
- C. Bid**
- D. Calendar Day**

Crew Resource Management is the practice of using all available resources—people, information, equipment, and the operating environment—to achieve safe and efficient flight operations. It centers on how crew members communicate, lead and follow, make decisions, manage workload, and maintain situational awareness. Through clear, assertive communication, formal briefings, shared information, and teamwork, the flight crew coordinates actions and reduces the chance of errors. The other terms refer to unrelated concepts like money, a proposal, or a date, and don't describe this coordinated approach to ensuring safety and efficiency in flight operations.

4. What is the service operated by the appropriate authority to promote a safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of aircraft?

- A. Air Traffic Control (ATC)**
- B. Airport Security**
- C. Meteorological Service**
- D. Flight Information Center**

Air traffic control is the service operated by the appropriate authority to promote a safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of aircraft. Controllers coordinate and direct aircraft on the ground and in the air, issuing clearances for takeoff, routing, altitude, and sequencing for arrivals and departures to maintain safe separation and efficient movement. Different control facilities handle different parts of the flow: towers manage ground and local airspace around airports, approach/departure control sequences arrivals and departures, and en route centers handle high-altitude traffic. The other options serve important roles—airport security protects facilities, meteorological service provides weather information, and flight information centers offer advisory data—but they do not control and manage the overall traffic flow.

5. What term refers to the actual elapsed time from departure to arrival for pay purposes?

- A. Flight Time**
- B. Interline**
- C. Head Wind**
- D. Forward (FWD)**

The term being tested is the amount of time the flight actually takes from departure to arrival and is used for pay calculations. That duration is flight time, which is defined as the elapsed time from takeoff to landing and is the standard measure carriers use to determine compensation for crew. Interline isn't about time—it's about agreements for passengers transferring between carriers. Head wind describes weather that can affect speed but not the measurement itself. Forward (FWD) is a directional or operational label, not a time metric. So the measure used for pay purposes is flight time.

6. Which aircraft variant has 69 passengers with 9 First Class seats, 16 Delta Comfort+ seats, and 44 Main Cabin seats?

- A. CRJ 200**
- B. CRJ 700 (69 PAX)**
- C. CRJ 700 (70 PAX-AE)**
- D. CRJ 700 (70 PAX-UAX)**

This question tests recognizing SkyWest's CRJ 700 seating maps and how the class layout ties to a specific total passenger count. The configuration with 9 First Class seats, 16 Delta Comfort+, and 44 Main Cabin adds up to 69 passengers, which is exactly the 69 PAX variant of the CRJ 700 that Delta Connection uses. The other options describe 70-seat variants (AE and UAX), which cannot match a total of 69 passengers, and the CRJ 200 has a smaller overall capacity, so it also wouldn't fit this exact mix. So the 69 PAX CRJ 700 variant is the one that aligns with that specific distribution.

7. Which term describes the coordination of people and resources to optimize flight safety and efficiency?

- A. Crew Resource Management**
- B. Configuration**
- C. Connection**
- D. Comat**

Coordinating people and resources to maximize flight safety and efficiency centers on how crews work together, share information, and manage workload under pressure. This is exactly what Crew Resource Management is: a structured approach in aviation to optimize team performance by using all available resources—the crew, ground personnel, aircraft, procedures, and information—to reduce the chance of error and improve outcomes. CRM emphasizes clear communication, effective leadership and followership, situational awareness, assertiveness to speak up when something doesn't seem right, decision making under time pressure, and mutual monitoring of others' actions. By training crews to coordinate these elements, operations become safer and more efficient because potential issues are identified early, responsibilities are understood, and tasks are allocated to prevent overload. The other terms don't capture that coordinated, safety-focused teamwork concept: configuration is about how the aircraft is set up, not how people coordinate; connection is a generic link between systems or individuals; and comat isn't a recognized aviation term.

8. What is the rear portion of the aircraft?

- A. AFT**
- B. Nose**
- C. Wing**
- D. Tail**

In aviation, locations along the airplane's body are described using directional terms along the longitudinal axis. Aft means toward the tail, i.e., the rear portion of the aircraft. This makes it the best choice because it directly designates the rearward area rather than naming a specific component. The nose points to the front, the wing refers to the lifting surfaces, and the tail is the actual rear structure; while the tail is at the back, the question seeks the term that describes the rearward region, which is aft.

9. Which role is the flight attendant who teaches training courses or performs IOE and line checks?

- A. Ground Instructor**
- B. Flight Attendant**
- C. InFlight Operations**
- D. Intermediate Stop**

The concept being tested is who is responsible for delivering training and certifying crew through IOE and line checks. The correct role is the Ground Instructor, because this position is designated to develop and teach training courses and to supervise and evaluate new or transitioning crew during Initial Operating Experience and on-the-job line checks. They ensure that flight attendants meet the standard procedures and safety expectations before flying with passengers. A Flight Attendant is a crew member carrying out cabin duties and service, not the official trainer or evaluator. InFlight Operations is a department overseeing in-flight activities, not the specific role that conducts training and checks. Intermediate Stop is a flight leg, not a job function.

10. Which term refers to the overnight stay of an aircraft at a station?

- A. Remain Overnight (RON) - aircraft**
- B. Remain Overnight (RON) - flight attendant**
- C. Round Trip**
- D. Taxi**

In airline operations, the phrase Remain Overnight, shortened to RON, describes an aircraft staying at a station overnight so it can operate the next day's schedule. This is exactly what the question asks for—the overnight stay of the aircraft at a station—so this term is the correct fit. The other ideas don't describe an aircraft staying overnight: a round trip is about the itinerary of a flight, not an overnight stay; taxi refers to moving on the ground, usually before takeoff or after landing; and applying RON to a flight attendant would be talking about crew, not the aircraft itself.

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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