

# TH-73A Thrasher Course Rules Practice Test (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. Which location corresponds to Pond Creek Bridge?**
  - A. Water tower 1 mile SE of KNDZ**
  - B. The HWY 191 bridge over Pond Creek**
  - C. Intersection of Blackwater river & Coldwater creek**
  - D. 438' Tower NW of prison**
  
- 2. At Spencer, the crosswind turn may be initiated at what altitude and position relative to the runway?**
  - A. 200' AGL and abeam the upwind end of the runway**
  - B. 100' AGL and abeam the threshold**
  - C. 300' AGL and abeam the downwind end**
  - D. 50' AGL**
  
- 3. What is the elevation for OLF Spencer?**
  - A. 150'**
  - B. 14**
  - C. 6**
  - D. 151'**
  
- 4. What is pattern airspeed at all fields?**
  - A. 70 KIAS**
  - B. 80 KIAS**
  - C. 60 KIAS**
  - D. 90 KIAS**
  
- 5. Takeoff from parking lines with active Runway 23 is conducted from which spot?**
  - A. Spot 1 (A-E) and Spot 2 (F-H)**
  - B. Spot 4 and Spot 3**
  - C. Spot 2 (F-H), Spot 1 (A-E)**
  - D. Spot 2 and Spot 3**
  
- 6. OLF Site X max aircraft allowed?**
  - A. 12 total: 4 right, 4 left, 4 low work**
  - B. 16 total: 6 right, 6 left, 4 low work**
  - C. 18 total: 8 right, 8 left, 4 low work**
  - D. 14 (5 right, 5 left, 4 low work)**

- 7. On the return leg from Site X, where is the channel located?**
- A. North of OLF Pace to Snake**
  - B. South of OLF Pace to Snake**
  - C. East of OLF Pace to Snake**
  - D. West of OLF Pace to Snake**
- 8. Takeoffs from parking lines when Runway 32 is active use which spots?**
- A. Spot 2 (F-H), Spot 4 (A-E)**
  - B. Spot 1**
  - C. Spot 3**
  - D. Spot 2 (A-E), Spot 3**
- 9. What is KNDZ field elevation?**
- A. 150 feet**
  - B. 177 feet**
  - C. 1770 feet**
  - D. 107 feet**
- 10. What is the elevation for OLF Santa Rosa?**
- A. 150'**
  - B. 151'**
  - C. 14**
  - D. 6**

## Answers

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

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## **Explanations**

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### 1. Which location corresponds to Pond Creek Bridge?

- A. Water tower 1 mile SE of KNDZ
- B. The HWY 191 bridge over Pond Creek**
- C. Intersection of Blackwater river & Coldwater creek
- D. 438' Tower NW of prison

This question tests your ability to match a named landmark to its map description. Pond Creek Bridge refers to the bridge that crosses Pond Creek, and the description that fits this is the Highway 191 bridge over Pond Creek. The other options describe different features—another structure near a town, an intersection of other water bodies, or a tall tower near a prison—none of which are Pond Creek Bridge. So the option describing the HWY 191 bridge over Pond Creek is the correct match.

### 2. At Spencer, the crosswind turn may be initiated at what altitude and position relative to the runway?

- A. 200' AGL and abeam the upwind end of the runway**
- B. 100' AGL and abeam the threshold
- C. 300' AGL and abeam the downwind end
- D. 50' AGL

The key idea is timing the transition from the upwind leg into the crosswind leg at a safe, predictable point and height so you can manage the wind and align with the pattern smoothly. Initiating the crosswind turn at 200 feet AGL when you are abeam the upwind end of the runway gives enough altitude to roll into the turn, control drift, and set up for the next legs while keeping the runway in sight. If you start higher, like 300 feet, you'd be higher than ideal for clean spacing and descent into the pattern; if you start much lower, around 100 or 50 feet, you'd have less margin to recover from wind effects during the turn. Abeam of the upwind end provides a consistent reference point along the runway so you can time the turn with predictable pattern positioning.

### 3. What is the elevation for OLF Spencer?

- A. 150'
- B. 14
- C. 6
- D. 151'**

Field elevation is the height of the airfield above mean sea level and is the reference used to set the altimeter and determine safe flight levels around the field. For OLF Spencer, the published field elevation is 151 feet MSL, so that is the value you use when calculating altitudes and altimeter settings in this area. The other numbers do not represent the field elevation, so they aren't used for that purpose. Always rely on the charted field elevation to set your altimeter accurately and to fly at the correct heights relative to the airfield.

#### 4. What is pattern airspeed at all fields?

- A. 70 KIAS
- B. 80 KIAS**
- C. 60 KIAS
- D. 90 KIAS

Pattern airspeed is the fixed airspeed you maintain while flying the helicopter in the traffic pattern to keep the path predictable and energy levels stable. For the TH-73A Thrasher in training, the standard pattern airspeed at all fields is 80 knots indicated airspeed. Maintaining this speed provides a consistent turn rate and descent angle, which helps you keep proper spacing behind other traffic and manage energy effectively through the downwind, base, and final legs. If you fly noticeably slower, you can lose rotor authority and have trouble turning or descending predictably; if you fly noticeably faster, you'll carry more energy into the pattern and may need more room and altitude on final. Using the same speed at all fields keeps handling consistent despite wind and traffic variations.

#### 5. Takeoff from parking lines with active Runway 23 is conducted from which spot?

- A. Spot 1 (A-E) and Spot 2 (F-H)
- B. Spot 4 and Spot 3
- C. Spot 2 (F-H), Spot 1 (A-E)**
- D. Spot 2 and Spot 3

When Runway 23 is active, you want a takeoff path that lines up directly with the runway's departure direction. The parking-line spots that provide that direct, aligned path are the ones that cover the A-E area and the F-H area. Using those spots gives a straight, unobstructed route onto Runway 23 and keeps taxiing concise and safe. The other spots would require extra maneuvering or would not align properly with the active departure path, making them unsuitable for this situation.

#### 6. OLF Site X max aircraft allowed?

- A. 12 total: 4 right, 4 left, 4 low work
- B. 16 total: 6 right, 6 left, 4 low work
- C. 18 total: 8 right, 8 left, 4 low work
- D. 14 (5 right, 5 left, 4 low work)**

Safety and resource limits at an OLF site dictate how many aircraft can be on the field at once, and how that capacity is split among different roles. Site X sets a total of fourteen aircraft, with five assigned to the right-seat position, five to the left-seat position, and four classified as low work. This arrangement ensures there are enough aircraft available for active flight training in both pilot positions while reserving ground/maintenance or non-flight tasks, all without surpassing ramp space, airspace, and supervisor capacity. The other totals would either underutilize or overextend the site's safety and operational limits, so fourteen with that specific distribution is the maximum.

7. On the return leg from Site X, where is the channel located?

- A. North of OLF Pace to Snake
- B. South of OLF Pace to Snake**
- C. East of OLF Pace to Snake
- D. West of OLF Pace to Snake

On this navigation chart, hazards like channels are shown in relation to your flight leg. For the return leg from Site X, the channel is drawn below the Pace to Snake segment. Since the map is oriented with north up, being south of OLF Pace to Snake means the channel lies to the south of that leg, which is why that description is correct. When planning, always compare the leg you're on to the chart features to know where to steer clear of the channel.

8. Takeoffs from parking lines when Runway 32 is active use which spots?

- A. Spot 2 (F-H), Spot 4 (A-E)**
- B. Spot 1
- C. Spot 3
- D. Spot 2 (A-E), Spot 3

When a runway is active, you must choose takeoff positions that feed directly into that runway's departure path. For Runway 32, the spots that line up with the takeoff corridor are the ramp areas labeled F-H and A-E. Using these spots gives a straight-out departure onto Runway 32 without extra taxiing or crossing traffic, which keeps operations safe and efficient. Spots that aren't aligned with the active runway would require additional maneuvering or crossing areas that aren't cleared, so they aren't used.

9. What is KNDZ field elevation?

- A. 150 feet
- B. 177 feet**
- C. 1770 feet
- D. 107 feet

Field elevation is the airport's altitude above mean sea level used for altimeter settings and altitude calculations. For KNDZ, the published value is 177 feet MSL, which is the figure shown in the airport data block on charts and in the FAA Chart Supplement. This value represents the airport reference elevation, not runway length or any single runway endpoint. When navigating, you'd use this 177 ft MSL reference to set your altimeter and cross-check altitudes in the vicinity.

**10. What is the elevation for OLF Santa Rosa?**

**A. 150'**

**B. 151'**

**C. 14**

**D. 6**

Field elevation is the airfield's altitude above mean sea level, used as the reference for altimeter settings and altitude planning. For OLF Santa Rosa, the published field elevation is 150 feet MSL, so that is the figure you would use as the field reference when operating there. The other numbers aren't the official field elevation: they are not the value listed for this field, and 6 or 14 feet would be unrealistically low for an airfield's elevation, while 151 feet is simply not the documented elevation for OLF Santa Rosa.

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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](mailto: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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