

# U.S. Navy's Delayed Entry Program (DEP) Practice Test (Sample)

## Study Guide



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## **Questions**

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  - B. Departing from a mooring**
  - C. Reinforcing safety protocols**
  - D. Initiating a drill**
- 2. What time does 0400 hours convert to in standard time?**
  - A. 4AM**
  - B. 5AM**
  - C. 6AM**
  - D. 3AM**
- 3. Which type of ship carries out logistical support focusing on replenishment?**
  - A. Patrol Combatants**
  - B. Combatant Logistics Ships**
  - C. Amphibious Warfare Ships**
  - D. Mine Warfare Ships**
- 4. What is the representation for 'Whiskey' in the phonetic alphabet?**
  - A. W**
  - B. V**
  - C. X**
  - D. Y**
- 5. When was the U.S. Navy officially established?**
  - A. 1 September 1775**
  - B. 4 July 1776**
  - C. 13 October 1775**
  - D. 1 January 1777**
- 6. What is the title for an E-4 in the U.S. Navy?**
  - A. Ensign**
  - B. Master Chief Petty Officer**
  - C. Petty Officer Third Class**
  - D. Petty Officer First Class**

- 7. What is the phonetic alphabet word for the letter 'C'?**
- A. Bravo**
  - B. Charlie**
  - C. Delta**
  - D. Foxtrot**
- 8. What is the term used for candy and gum available on a ship?**
- A. Liberty**
  - B. Geedunk**
  - C. Scullery**
  - D. Overhead**
- 9. What military time corresponds to 11 PM?**
- A. 2300**
  - B. 2100**
  - C. 2200**
  - D. 2400**
- 10. What is addressed by General Order 1?**
- A. To receive and obey all orders**
  - B. To take charge of the post and government property**
  - C. To report violations of orders**
  - D. To quit the post only when relieved**

## **Answers**

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

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## **Explanations**

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**1. What action does "casting off" facilitate?**

- A. Starting a new navigation course**
- B. Departing from a mooring**
- C. Reinforcing safety protocols**
- D. Initiating a drill**

Casting off refers to the action of releasing the lines that secure a vessel to a mooring, dock, or pier. When a ship is casting off, it is preparing to depart from its secured position, allowing the crew to navigate away from the mooring point effectively. This action is crucial for safely and efficiently beginning the vessel's journey, whether it is to go out to sea or move to a different location. The other options, while related to maritime operations, do not accurately describe the specific function of casting off. Starting a new navigation course is a subsequent action that may happen after casting off but is not facilitated directly by the casting off action itself. Reinforcing safety protocols is essential in all aspects of navigation but is not directly linked to the act of casting off. Initiating a drill pertains to training exercises rather than the operational movement of a ship starting its journey. Therefore, the primary focus of casting off is its role in facilitating the departure of a vessel from its mooring.

**2. What time does 0400 hours convert to in standard time?**

- A. 4AM**
- B. 5AM**
- C. 6AM**
- D. 3AM**

The time 0400 hours in military time directly translates to 4:00 AM in standard time. In the 24-hour clock system, the first two digits represent the hour, while the last two represent the minutes. Since 0400 indicates that it is four hours after midnight, it corresponds to 4:00 AM on a 12-hour clock. This understanding of the conversion from military time to standard time is essential for clear communication and scheduling, particularly in military and operational contexts.

**3. Which type of ship carries out logistical support focusing on replenishment?**

**A. Patrol Combatants**

**B. Combatant Logistics Ships**

**C. Amphibious Warfare Ships**

**D. Mine Warfare Ships**

Combatant Logistics Ships are specifically designed to provide logistical support to naval forces, focusing on replenishment at sea. This capability allows them to resupply combat vessels with fuel, ammunition, and other essential supplies while they continue their operations without the need to return to port. This type of support is crucial for maintaining the operational readiness of the fleet, extending deployment periods, and enhancing the effectiveness of naval operations. The other types of ships mentioned serve different primary functions. Patrol Combatants are mainly involved in anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare and patrol missions. Amphibious Warfare Ships are designed to support amphibious operations, including transporting troops and vehicles from the sea to the land. Mine Warfare Ships focus on locating and neutralizing naval mines to ensure safe navigation for other vessels. Each ship type plays a unique role within the Navy's operational strategy, but the primary function of replenishment and logistical support is the defining characteristic of Combatant Logistics Ships.

**4. What is the representation for 'Whiskey' in the phonetic alphabet?**

**A. W**

**B. V**

**C. X**

**D. Y**

The phonetic alphabet, commonly known as the NATO phonetic alphabet, assigns specific words to each letter of the English alphabet to ensure clear communication, especially in contexts like aviation, military, and emergency services. In this system, each letter corresponds to a distinct word to avoid confusion. For the letter 'W', the designated word is 'Whiskey'. This is particularly useful in voice communications where clarity is crucial, such as in radio transmissions. Thus, recognizing 'Whiskey' as the representation for 'W' confirms an understanding of the phonetic alphabet and its purpose in promoting effective communication.

**5. When was the U.S. Navy officially established?**

- A. 1 September 1775**
- B. 4 July 1776**
- C. 13 October 1775**
- D. 1 January 1777**

The U.S. Navy was officially established on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement of ships and the creation of a Navy to support the fight against British forces during the American Revolutionary War. This date marks the formal recognition of a naval force intended for the defense and sovereignty of the newly forming nation. The other options represent significant dates in American history but do not mark the establishment of the Navy; September 1, 1775, is before the formal establishment of the Navy; July 4, 1776, represents the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which signifies the separation of the thirteen colonies from British rule, and January 1, 1777, falls after the Navy had already been established. Thus, 13 October 1775 remains the correct and pivotal date for the formation of the U.S. Navy.

**6. What is the title for an E-4 in the U.S. Navy?**

- A. Ensign**
- B. Master Chief Petty Officer**
- C. Petty Officer Third Class**
- D. Petty Officer First Class**

The title for an E-4 in the U.S. Navy is Petty Officer Third Class. This rank is part of the enlisted ranks and represents a significant step up from E-3, which is Seaman. As a Petty Officer Third Class, an individual takes on more responsibilities and leadership roles compared to lower ranks, often serving as a supervisor for junior sailors and playing a crucial role in the operations of their command. The title reflects not only the rank but also the experience and skills the individual has gained since joining the Navy. In the context of the other choices, Ensign is an officer rank (O-1) and does not apply to enlisted personnel. Master Chief Petty Officer refers to a higher enlisted rank (E-9), while Petty Officer First Class is a rank above E-4, specifically E-6. Therefore, the correct designation for the E-4 rank in the U.S. Navy is indeed Petty Officer Third Class.

**7. What is the phonetic alphabet word for the letter 'C'?**

- A. Bravo
- B. Charlie**
- C. Delta
- D. Foxtrot

The phonetic alphabet is a standardized set of words used to represent letters in spoken communication, particularly in situations where clarity is crucial, such as military or aviation contexts. The phonetic alphabet assigns each letter a specific word to avoid confusion that may arise from similar-sounding letters. For the letter 'C,' the corresponding word in the phonetic alphabet is "Charlie." This term is widely recognized and used in various military operations, ensuring that the message is conveyed accurately without any potential misunderstandings. The phonetic alphabet is designed for precision, and "Charlie" has been adopted universally in these settings. The other responses refer to different letters: "Bravo" represents 'B', "Delta" stands for 'D', and "Foxtrot" corresponds to 'F'. Each of these words serves a distinct purpose in the phonetic alphabet but is not related to the letter C. Understanding the phonetic alphabet helps improve communication and effectiveness in various scenarios where clarity is paramount.

**8. What is the term used for candy and gum available on a ship?**

- A. Liberty
- B. Geedunk**
- C. Scullery
- D. Overhead

The term for candy and gum available on a ship is "Geedunk." This colloquial expression originates from naval slang and refers specifically to the sweet treats and snacks that sailors can enjoy. It's often used to describe the small store or area where such items are sold or dispensed aboard a vessel. Understanding "Geedunk" is part of Navy culture and it highlights the camaraderie and leisure aspects among service members. This term reflects the lighter side of naval life, where even something as simple as candy and gum can foster morale among the crew. The other terms do not pertain to candy and gum. "Liberty" refers to the permission granted to service members to leave the ship or base, typically for leisure activities. "Scullery" is associated with the space used for washing dishes and cooking utensils. "Overhead" refers to the part of the ship above the deck, essentially the ceiling, and has no relation to snacks or treats. Therefore, "Geedunk" distinctly identifies the specific category of snacks found aboard naval vessels.

**9. What military time corresponds to 11 PM?**

- A. 2300**
- B. 2100**
- C. 2200**
- D. 2400**

The time corresponding to 11 PM in military time is 2300. In the 24-hour clock system, which is used in military time, the day runs from 0000 (midnight) to 2359 (one minute before the following midnight). At 11 PM, the hours count up to 23, making it 2300. This system eliminates any ambiguity associated with AM and PM designations, providing a clear and universally understood way to represent time. Understanding military time is crucial for effective communication and operations in the military context, where precision and clarity are vital. The other times mentioned do not represent 11 PM: 2100 corresponds to 9 PM, 2200 to 10 PM, and 2400 is technically the same as 0000 for midnight, referring to the transition at the end of the day.

**10. What is addressed by General Order 1?**

- A. To receive and obey all orders**
- B. To take charge of the post and government property**
- C. To report violations of orders**
- D. To quit the post only when relieved**

General Order 1 specifically addresses the responsibility of a service member to take charge of their post and government property. This emphasizes the importance of accountability and stewardship within the military. When a service member is assigned a post, they are charged with ensuring the safety, security, and proper functioning of that area and any associated government property. This order underscores the military's reliance on its personnel to maintain order and discipline, as well as to safeguard assets that are essential for operational effectiveness. While the other options relate to duties and responsibilities of military personnel, they pertain to different aspects of military conduct and protocol rather than the specific focus of General Order 1 on the ownership and protection of a designated post and its associated property. General Order 1 sets the foundation for the responsibilities of service members in ensuring that their environments remain secure and well-managed.