

Test-Taking Strategies

Follow these time-proven tips, which will help you develop a skillful, smooth approach to test-taking:

1. Be careful to fully understand the intent of each question and corresponding answer while studying, rather than memorize the A, B, C answer choice-answer stems may appear in a different order than you studied.
2. Take with you to the testing center proof of eligibility for this certificate, photo ID, the testing fee, calculator, flight computer (ASA's E6-B, Micro E6-B which has the high-speed wind correction slide, or CX-2 Pathfinder), plotter, magnifying glass, and a sharp pointer, such as a safety pin.
3. Your first action when you sit down should be to write on the scratch paper the weight and balance and any other formulas and information you can remember from your study. Remember, some of the formulas may be on your E6-B.
4. Answer each question in accordance with the latest regulations and guidance publications.
5. Read each question carefully before looking at the possible answers. You should clearly understand the problem before attempting to solve it.
6. After formulating an answer, determine which answer choice corresponds the closest with your answer. The answer chosen should completely resolve the problem.
7. From the answer choices given, it may appear that there is more than one possible answer. However, there is only one answer that is correct and complete. The other answers are either incomplete, erroneous, or represent popular misconceptions.
8. If a certain question is difficult for you, it is best to mark it for REVIEW and proceed to the other questions. After you answer the less difficult questions, return to those which you marked for review and answer them. Be sure to untag these questions once you've answered them. The review marking procedure will be explained to you prior to starting the test. Although the computer should alert you to unanswered questions, make sure every question has an answer recorded. This procedure will enable you to use the available time to the maximum advantage.
9. Perform each math calculation twice to confirm your answer. If adding or subtracting a column of numbers, reverse your direction the second time to reduce the possibility of errors.
10. When solving a calculation problem, select the answer nearest to your solution. The problem has been checked with various types of calculators; therefore, if you have solved it correctly, your answer will be closer to the correct answer than any of the other choices.
11. Remember that information is provided in the FAA Legends and FAA Figures.
12. Remember to answer *every* question, even the ones with no completely correct answer, to ensure the FAA gives you credit for a bad question.
13. Take your time and be thorough but relaxed. Take a minute off every half-hour or so to relax the brain and the body. Get a drink of water halfway through the test.
14. Your test will be graded immediately upon completion. You will be allowed 10 minutes to review any questions you missed. You will see the question only; you will not see the answer choices or your selected response. This allows you to review the missed areas with an instructor prior to taking the Practical exam.