Notes for Candidates



The **TEAC** is a testing system designed to assess the English language proficiency (ELP) of aviation personnel for ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements compliance.

The test is a human interaction test between 1 candidate and 1 examiner, and takes approximately 30 minutes. Test tasks are focussed as much as possible on contexts relevant to your aviation role and experience. The **TEAC** is **not a test of operational knowledge**, but operational contexts and technical references are used to make sure that the ELP being assessed is appropriate. There are 4 parts to the **TEAC**:

Part 1 - Image Interview (5 - 7 minutes)

After a brief introduction, you will be shown an image of something significant to your aviation work/experience to use as a platform for related questions about routine and non-routine activity. There are no right or wrong answers – you should show you understand the questions by responding to them directly and fully. The examiner will ask you further questions, to encourage you to talk more about some of the things you mention in your responses.

Part 2 - Explaining an RT Communication

You will hear an extended RT (radiotelephony) communication between a pilot and a controller. You will hear the recording only once and it cannot be repeated. The communication will be played in 2 sections. After listening to the first section, you will be asked to describe the communications between the pilot and the ATC, and the unexpected information reported. You should make notes to help you to explain the exchanges in as much detail as possible.

Before you hear the second section of the communication, you will be asked to predict/speculate what will happen next. Then, you will listen to the last section of the communication, and you should make notes to help you to explain the exchanges in as much detail as possible.

Part 3 - Reporting Pilot/Controller Messages

You will hear 3 sets of 3 messages from international pilots or controllers related to non-routine situations. Each set is connected to a different aviation topic. The messages within each set are short to begin with but get longer and longer. After every recording, you need to report your fullest understanding of the message. As you listen, you can make notes to help you explain the content in as much detail as possible. You will hear each recording once only unless you ask for it to be repeated once more.

Part 4 - Pictures Description & Discussion (9 - 10 minutes)

You will be given 2 pictures on a related aviation topic to describe and compare. You will be shown the first picture and asked to describe it, and you will be given 30 to 40 seconds to speak. You will then be shown a second picture and asked some questions about it. Finally, you will be asked some questions about both pictures.

You will then take part in an interactive discussion of general aviation topics related to the pictures, and how aviation affects the wider world. The examiner will discuss these topics with you to allow you to show your ability to give opinions, speculate about the future and justify your ideas.

To read more about the different versions of TEAC and to listen to an example test, go to:

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