CITATION 550 ORAL 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.

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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!

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Questions

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1. What is the maximum ambient temperature deviation from ISA?

A. ISA +10 degrees C (50 degrees F)

B. ISA -20 degrees C

C. ISA +59 degrees C (138 degrees F)

D. ISA +39 degrees C (130 degrees F)

2. What is the usable engine oil quantity?

A. 1.25 gallons

B. 2.08 gallons

C. 3.0 gallons

D. 0.75 gallons

3. There are more static wicks on the wing than on the rudder.

A. True

B. False

C. Cannot be determined

D. Both equal

4. Thrust reversers are prohibited when operating on which surface?

A. Paved runways

B. Sod, dirt, or gravel runways

C. Wet runways

D. Snow surfaces

5. Which statement best describes the observed aviation gasoline limitations?

A. Boost pumps must be off during cross-feed

B. The fuel temperature must be within limits and hours must be logged

C. The following items must be observed: fuel temperature within limits, boost pumps on, maximum altitude 18,000 ft, and hours entered in engine logbook

D. Hours must be entered in engine logbook only

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6. What do green ignition lights indicate?

A. The igniters are firing.

B. Fuel has reached the engine.

C. Electrical power is available to the Exciter Box.

D. The Exciter Box is operating.

7. In GND bleed air operation, which engine supplies bleed air?

A. Right

B. Left

C. Both

D. Neither

8. During engine start, ITT should begin to rise within how many seconds after fuel introduction?

A. Within 20 seconds.

B. Within 10 seconds.

C. Within 5 seconds.

D. Within 15 seconds.

9. What is the recommended minimum icing speed?

A. 160 KIAS

B. 165 KIAS

C. 180 KIAS

D. 170 KIAS

10. Takeoff weight is limited by the most restrictive of which factors?

A. Max certified T/O weight

B. Max T/O weight permitted by climb performance

C. Takeoff field length

D. All of the above

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the maximum ambient temperature deviation from ISA?

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Ambient conditions for performance data are given relative to ISA, and the charts assume operation within a tested temperature envelope. For the Citation 550, the published performance data are valid up to ISA plus 39 C (about 54 C ambient, 130 F at sea level). This limit exists because engine performance, air density effects, and thrust are determined from testing within that range, so results stay reliable. Exceeding this envelope would require extrapolating data or using different charts, which isn't permitted. The other options either stay within a smaller positive deviation, describe a negative deviation, or imply a hotter condition beyond the validated data, which is why ISA plus 39 C is the maximum.

2. What is the usable engine oil quantity?

A. 1.25 gallons

B. 2.08 gallons

C. 3.0 gallons

D. 0.75 gallons

Usable engine oil quantity means the portion of oil in the system that is actually available to circulate and lubricate the engine during normal operation. In many aircrafts, some oil is kept in parts of the system such as the oil cooler, lines, filters, and reservoir and isn't counted as usable for lubrication right away. So the usable amount is smaller than the total oil capacity. For this airplane, that usable amount is 1.25 gallons. That means when you check or service the oil, you're aiming to have about 1.25 gallons that the engine can rely on during flight. The remaining oil sits in parts of the system where it isn't considered readily usable. If you see readings around that 1.25-gallon mark, you're in the normal usable range. The other numbers don't fit this concept because they would imply either the total capacity or a value outside the usable portion. Remember, usable quantity is not the total capacity; it's the portion available for lubrication during operation.

3. There are more static wicks on the wing than on the rudder.

A. True

B. False

C. Cannot be determined

D. Both equal

Static electricity builds up on aircraft surfaces as air flows over them, and wicks are placed on trailing edges to provide a controlled path for that charge to dissipate. The wing has a much larger surface area and longer trailing edges than the rudder, so it accumulates more static charge. To bleed off that charge effectively and minimize radio interference, more discharge wicks are placed on the wing than on the rudder. So the statement is true: there are more static wicks on the wing than on the rudder.

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4. Thrust reversers are prohibited when operating on which surface?

A. Paved runways

B. Sod, dirt, or gravel runways

C. Wet runways

D. Snow surfaces

Thrust reversers are designed to help slow the aircraft by redirecting engine thrust forward, but on unprepared surfaces like sod, dirt, or gravel, loose material can be blown into the engines or scattered around the area. That debris, or FOD, can cause serious damage to the engine and other systems and can create unpredictable handling. Because of this risk, use of thrust reversers is prohibited on those surfaces. On paved or otherwise prepared runways, reverse thrust can be used per normal procedures, as the debris risk is much lower.

5. Which statement best describes the observed aviation gasoline limitations?

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When operating aviation gasoline in the Citation 550, you must follow a specific set of observed limitations to keep engine operation safe and within the fuel's characteristics. The best description includes four requirements: keep the fuel temperature within specified limits, ensure the boost pumps are on, stay within a maximum altitude of 18,000 feet, and record the operating hours in the engine logbook. Each item serves a purpose: staying within the temperature limits helps prevent fuel instability or vapor issues that could affect fuel metering; having the boost pumps on guarantees reliable fuel delivery when suction or pressure could drop (such as during cross-feed or certain power changes); the altitude cap protects the system from conditions where fuel delivery and pressure become unreliable at higher elevations; and logging hours provides maintenance and performance traceability for the engine when operating with avgas. The other options omit one or more of these essential elements, making them incomplete descriptions of the observed limitations.

6. What do green ignition lights indicate?

A. The igniters are firing.

B. Fuel has reached the engine.

C. Electrical power is available to the Exciter Box.

D. The Exciter Box is operating.

Green ignition lights show that the ignition system has power and is ready to operate. They indicate electrical power is available to the Exciter Box, which is what drives the ignition system to generate sparks for the igniters when commanded. This is a readiness status, not a claim that sparks are currently firing or that fuel has reached the engine. The lights are about power supply to the ignition circuit, not actual ignition or fuel flow at that moment.

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7. In GND bleed air operation, which engine supplies bleed air?

A. Right

B. Left

C. Both

D. Neither

On the ground, the environmental control system is designed to take bleed air from the right hand engine as the primary source. The GND bleed air switch routes air from that engine to the air conditioning packs and isolates the left engine bleed path. This setup gives a simple, reliable supply for cabin conditioning when the aircraft is on the ground, without needing both engines to contribute bleed air. In flight, bleed air can be supplied from either engine or via cross-bleed as needed, but on the ground the right engine is the designated source.

8. During engine start, ITT should begin to rise within how many seconds after fuel introduction?

A. Within 20 seconds.

B. Within 10 seconds.

C. Within 5 seconds.

D. Within 15 seconds.

During start, ITT rising promptly shows that ignition and fuel burning are occurring and the engine is transitioning from the starter to normal operation. It should begin to rise within about ten seconds after fuel is introduced, because this quick response confirms the igniters and fuel metering are working and that the combustor is lighting off as intended. A delay or lack of rise indicates an ignition or fuel-delivery fault, which warrants aborting the start to prevent damage from a failed start.

9. What is the recommended minimum icing speed?

A. 160 KIAS

B. 165 KIAS

C. 180 KIAS

D. 170 KIAS

Ice on the wings raises the stall speed and reduces lift, so in icing you must fly with a safety margin above the stall boundary. The recommended minimum icing speed is the lowest speed at which the aircraft can maintain level flight with ice present and still have adequate control and stall margin. For the Citation 550, that speed is 160 KIAS. Keeping at or above this speed minimizes the risk of an ice induced stall and preserves control effectiveness as ice accumulates. The other options would give more margin than necessary, but they're not the baseline you should aim for in icing conditions. Maintain at least 160 KIAS while you're in icing, use anti-ice as required, and only reduce speed once you're out of icing conditions or after de-icing.

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10. Takeoff weight is limited by the most restrictive of which factors?

A. Max certified T/O weight

B. Max T/O weight permitted by climb performance

C. Takeoff field length

D. All of the above

Takeoff weight is constrained by the most restrictive limit among certification, performance, and runway requirements. The aircraft has a maximum certified takeoff weight, which is a fixed structural/airworthiness ceiling. It also has a limit based on climb performance: under current conditions (airport elevation, temperature, runway slope, etc.), the airplane must be able to achieve the required climb gradient and obstacle clearance; if heavier, those climb requirements can't be met. Additionally, the available runway length sets a limit because heavier weight demands a longer takeoff roll to reach liftoff speed and still stop safely if needed. The actual takeoff weight must be at or below the smallest of these limits to ensure all constraints are satisfied. That's why the answer is all of the above—the most restrictive limit among these factors governs the permissible takeoff weight.

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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.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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