DELTA 737 PA-LOD 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 purpose of using VNAV to meet altitude constraints prior to the published FAF/PFAF/FAP?**

   A. To protect against violating altitude constraints outside of the PFAF.

   B. To reduce fuel consumption by lowering all ceilings.

   C. To ensure the aircraft maintains constant speed irrespective of altitude.

   D. To automatically capture the missed approach path.

2. **In PA-LOD, how are roles and responsibilities typically organized during abnormal events?**

   A. Clear role assignments with defined responsibilities.

   B. Everyone does everything randomly.

   C. Roles are assigned by ATC.

   D. No roles; it's a free-for-all.

3. **How is takeoff weight and center of gravity validated in the PA-LOD process?**

   A. Rely on Predicted Weather Data to Set Weight

   B. Compare Actual Takeoff Data to TOLD Data

   C. Compare Last Flight Data

   D. Rely on Pilot Estimation

4. **What is the function of VNAV?**

   A. VNAV updates the flight plan wind correction only

   B. VNAV controls the autopilot altitude only

   C. VNAV tunes navigation radios

   D. VNAV controls the path and speed to comply with waypoint crossing restrictions

5. **Which statement describes the takeoff reference page's role in V-speeds during takeoff?**

   A. It displays weather and wind.

   B. It shows engine parameters.

   C. It indicates fuel burn.

   D. It provides immediate access to V-speeds during takeoff if V-speeds are inadvertently removed from the airspeed display.

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6. When adverse weather is anticipated, what should crews do per PA-LOD?

A. Ignore Weather Changes and Proceed

B. Rely Solely on Filed Route Without Weather Updates

C. Postpone Departure Until Weather Clears Completely

D. Update Weather, Plan Deviations or Alternates, Brief Contingencies, and Coordinate with ATC

7. How does PA-LOD support team coordination and decision-making under stress?

A. By relying on memory and improvisation.

B. By providing structured checklists, role assignments, standard phrases, and concise decision flows.

C. By using only ad-hoc communication with no checklists.

D. By escalating all decisions to ATC.

8. What does 26L-E13 denote in the WDR Performance Block?

A. Standard takeoff from Runway 26L

B. Runway 26L with a 1200-foot cutback

C. Intersection takeoff from taxiway E13

D. Intersection takeoff from taxiway E1

9. What does OEI stand for and what is its implication for takeoff performance?

A. One Engine Inoperative; procedures adjust speeds and configurations to maintain control on a single operating engine.

B. Onboard Emergency Instrument; used for navigation during an engine failure.

C. Overhead Electrical Interface; relates to circuit breakers.

D. Outbound Engine Initiative; program for engine testing.

10. Which PA-LOD section would you consult for Weather or Deicing information?

A. Weather/Deicing

B. MEL/CDL

C. QRH

D. SOPs

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Answers

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

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Explanations

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1. What is the purpose of using VNAV to meet altitude constraints prior to the published FAF/PFAF/FAP?

A. To protect against violating altitude constraints outside of the PFAF.

B. To reduce fuel consumption by lowering all ceilings.

C. To ensure the aircraft maintains constant speed irrespective of altitude.

D. To automatically capture the missed approach path.

Using VNAV to meet altitude constraints before the published FAF/PFAF/FAPF means the flight management system actively follows the published step-down and crossing restrictions so you cross those fixes at the required altitudes. This protects you from accidentally violating those constraints, which could happen if winds, weight, or speed changes push you off the vertical profile manually. VNAV plans and tracks the descent or climb to ensure you arrive at the final approach segment with the correct altitude, preserving obstacle clearance and proper sequencing into the approach. The other options miss the purpose: it's not primarily about reducing fuel by lowering ceilings, nor about keeping a constant speed regardless of altitude, and it isn't about automatically capturing a missed approach path.

2. In PA-LOD, how are roles and responsibilities typically organized during abnormal events?

A. Clear role assignments with defined responsibilities.

B. Everyone does everything randomly.

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During abnormal events, the crew relies on clearly defined roles and responsibilities to manage workload and maintain situational awareness. This means tasks are assigned upfront so everyone knows who leads the response, who monitors systems, who handles communications, and who executes each checklist item. The captain typically takes the lead, directing the overall strategy, speaking with ATC as needed, and making key decisions. The other pilot focuses on monitoring, validating procedures, and handling the detailed steps of abnormal checklists. If more crew are available, they take on specific, predefined functions to support the response. Checklists are used with designated owners, and communications follow a structured, concise format to prevent confusion under pressure. This approach keeps actions coordinated and ensures critical tasks aren't missed, even as the situation evolves. It isn't random, and ATC doesn't assign cockpit roles; there are established procedures and a clear division of labor within the flight crew.

3. How is takeoff weight and center of gravity validated in the PA-LOD process?

A. Rely on Predicted Weather Data to Set Weight

B. Compare Actual Takeoff Data to TOLD Data

C. Compare Last Flight Data

D. Rely on Pilot Estimation

The validation hinges on confirming that the actual takeoff data match the Takeoff and Landing Data (TOLD) used for the performance calculations. In the PA-LOD process, the crew uses the aircraft's configured weight (payload, fuel, baggage) and the current conditions to produce a TOLD for takeoff. They then compare the real takeoff data — the actual weight and the resulting center of gravity for this departure — to those TOLD figures. If the numbers align within tolerance, the performance calculations are considered validated and safe to use. If there's a mismatch, the plan must be adjusted before departure. Relying on weather data to set weight isn't appropriate because weight is determined by load and fuel, not by weather itself. Using data from the last flight can be misleading due to changes in load or fuel. Relying on pilot estimation isn't sufficient for formal validation.

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4. What is the function of VNAV?

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D. VNAV controls the path and speed to comply with waypoint crossing restrictions

VNAV is the system that manages the aircraft's flight path and speed to satisfy waypoint crossing restrictions. It calculates the required lateral path to the next waypoint and the vertical profile, plus the speed needed to meet constraints such as crossing altitude or speed at specific points. It then commands the autothrottle and flight guidance to follow that path, adjusting climb/descent and speed as needed to stay on plan. The other statements describe only partial or unrelated functions. VNAV isn't just wind-correction updates, isn't limited to controlling altitude, and doesn't tune navigation radios. It's about steering the route and managing speed to meet the crossing requirements of each waypoint.

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During takeoff, knowing V-speeds (V1, Vr, V2) is essential for safe performance. The takeoff reference page is designed as a quick, on-demand source of those speeds, so if the V-speeds are inadvertently removed from the airspeed display, you can still access them immediately from this page. This backup display keeps you informed of the required speeds for the takeoff configuration, weight, and runway conditions, without waiting to recover or cross-check from other sources. The other items—weather and wind, engine parameters, fuel burn—are handled by separate displays and are not the takeoff-speed reference role. Therefore, the takeoff reference page provides immediate access to V-speeds during takeoff when the airspeed display is missing V-speeds.

6. When adverse weather is anticipated, what should crews do per PA-LOD?

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D. Update Weather, Plan Deviations or Alternates, Brief Contingencies, and Coordinate with ATC

Anticipating adverse weather calls for proactive planning and coordination. The best approach is to update weather information, plan deviations or alternates, brief contingencies, and coordinate with ATC. Keeping current weather data means using METARs, TAFs, SIGMETs, PIREPs, and radar to understand where the weather is and how it's expected to move. Planning deviations or alternates provides a safe path around weather or a different destination if needed. Briefing contingencies ensures the crew knows what actions to take if conditions change, such as diverting to an alternate, adjusting altitude, or altering fuel and speed plans. Coordinating with ATC ensures these changes are integrated smoothly into the airspace system, allowing for appropriate routing, holds, or approvals. Skipping weather updates or sticking to the filed route without adjustment is unsafe, and waiting for weather to completely clear isn't always feasible.

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7. How does PA-LOD support team coordination and decision-making under stress?

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Structured, standardized processes are essential when the flight deck is under stress. PA-LOD provides a set of tools that keep the team coordinated and decisive without overloading memory. Structured checklists ensure the most critical actions are carried out in a defined order, so nothing vital is missed even as fatigue and urgency rise. Clear role assignments eliminate confusion about who does what, so duties like monitoring, communicating, and executing tasks are handled smoothly and without duplication. Standard phrases create a shared language, making fast, unambiguous communication possible even under pressure. Concise decision flows guide the crew through the typical progression of actions, helping everyone stay on the same page and make timely, consistent judgments. Together, these elements maintain situational awareness, reduce cognitive load, and improve response quality when stakes are high. Relying on memory or improvisation increases the chance of missed steps or miscommunication, while ad-hoc communication with no checklists lacks structure, and escalating every decision to ATC undermines crew authority and slows handling of the situation.

8. What does 26L-E13 denote in the WDR Performance Block?

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B. Runway 26L with a 1200-foot cutback

C. Intersection takeoff from taxiway E13

D. Intersection takeoff from taxiway E1

The part you're looking at conveys an intersection takeoff. Runway 26L is the runway, and E13 is the taxiway intersection with that runway. So 26L-E13 means you are taking off from the point where Runway 26L intersects Taxiway E13, not from the threshold of the runway. This affects the available runway length for takeoff—only the portion from the intersection to the runway end is used for performance calculations. The other options don't fit because they describe either a standard takeoff from the threshold, a numeric cutback distance, or a different taxiway intersection.

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B. Onboard Emergency Instrument; used for navigation during an engine failure.

C. Overhead Electrical Interface; relates to circuit breakers.

D. Outbound Engine Initiative; program for engine testing.

OEI stands for One Engine Inoperative. In takeoff planning for a twin-engine aircraft, performance data are certified assuming one engine fails. That means the takeoff procedures and speeds are adjusted so the airplane can still accelerate, rotate, and climb safely on the remaining engine. In practice, you use OEI takeoff speeds (and sometimes a different flap setting or weight consideration) to ensure a positive climb gradient after V1 with only one engine producing thrust. The consequence for takeoff performance is a reduced performance envelope: slower acceleration, potentially different required speeds, and sometimes restrictions on takeoff weight or runway length to guarantee obstacle clearance and safe departure with one engine inoperative.

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10. Which PA-LOD section would you consult for Weather or Deicing information?

A. Weather/Deicing

B. MEL/CDL

C. QRH

D. SOPs

Weather and deicing information is found in the Weather/Deicing section. This part of the manual brings together current weather data, icing conditions, holdover times, and the deicing/anti-icing procedures you'll need for preflight planning and in-flight decisions. It's the best source for guidance on whether to deice, which deicing methods to use, and how long a deicing application remains valid. The other sections cover different needs: MEL/CDL deals with inoperative equipment, the QRH contains abnormal or emergency procedures, and SOPs describe general company procedures and standards. For weather or deicing specifics, the Weather/Deicing section is the go-to resource.

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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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