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When to use this report?

In case of reporting a skill test for the issue of a commercial operation rating.

Content of the report

1. The take-off site shall be chosen by the applicant depending on the actual meteorological conditions, the area which has to be overflown, and the possible options for suitable landing sites. The applicant shall be responsible for the flight planning and shall ensure that all equipment and documentation for the execution of the flight are on board.

2. The skill test may be conducted in two flights. The total duration of the flight(s) shall be at least 45 minutes

3. An applicant shall indicate to the FE the checks and duties carried out. Checks shall be completed in accordance with the flight manual or the authorised checklist for the balloon on which the test is being taken. During pre-flight preparation for the test, the applicant shall be required to perform crew and passenger briefings and demonstrate crowd control. The load calculation shall be performed by the applicant in compliance with the operations manual or flight manual for the balloon used.

Flight test tolerances

4. The applicant shall demonstrate the ability to:

- (i) operate the balloon within its limitations;
- (ii) complete all manoeuvres with smoothness and accuracy;
- (iii) exercise good judgment and airmanship;
- (iv) apply aeronautical knowledge; and
- (v) maintain control of the balloon at all times in such a manner that the successful outcome of a procedure or manoeuvre is never seriously in doubt.

5. The following limits are for general guidance. The FE(B) shall make allowance for turbulent conditions and the handling qualities and performance of the balloon used:

Height

- (i) normal flight: ± 100 ft
- (ii) with simulated emergency: ± 150 ft

APPLICANT'S NAME:

Use of checklist(s), airmanship, control of balloon by external visual reference, look-out procedures, etc. apply in all sections

SECTION 1 PRE-FLIGHT OPERATIONS, INFLATION AND TAKE-OFF		Examiner's initials when test/check completed
a	Pre-flight documentation (licence, medical certificate, permits to take off, insurance certificate, aeronautical charts, aircraft flight manual (AFM), logbook, technical logbook, checklists, etc.), flight planning, NOTAM(s) and weather briefing	
b	Balloon inspection and servicing, minimum equipment list (MEL)	
c	Suitability of launch site	
d	Load calculation	
e	Crowd control, crew and passenger briefings	
f	Assembly and layout	
g	Inflation and pre-take-off procedures including passenger involvement and briefing	
h	Take-off	
i	ATC compliance (if applicable), operation of radio and/or transponder (including emergency procedures)	

SECTION 1. Passed **Failed**

SECTION 2 GENERAL AIRWORK		Examiner's initials when test/check completed
a	Climb to level flight	
b	Level flight	
c	Descent to level flight	
d	Operating at low level	
e	ATC compliance (if applicable)	

SECTION 2. Passed **Failed**

SECTION 3 EN-ROUTE PROCEDURES		Examiner's initials when test/check completed
a	Dead reckoning and map reading	
b	Marking positions and time	
c	Orientation and airspace structure	
d	Maintenance of altitude	
e	Fuel management / Ballast management	
f	Communication with retrieve crew and passengers	
g	ATC compliance (if applicable)	

SECTION 3. Passed **Failed**

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SECTION 4 APPROACH AND LANDING PROCEDURES		Examiner's initials when test/check completed
a	Approach from low level, missed approach and fly on: Passenger briefing and execution of exercise	
b	Approach from high level, missed approach and fly on: Passenger briefing and execution of exercise	
c	Pre-landing checks	
d	Passenger pre-landing briefing	
e	Selection of landing field	
f	Final passenger briefing, landing, dragging and deflation	
g	ATC compliance (if applicable)	
h	Actions after flight (recording of the flight, closing flight plan (if applicable), briefing passengers for packing balloon, contact landowner)	

SECTION 4. Passed **Failed**

SECTION 5 ABNORMAL AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES <i>(This section may be combined with Sections 1 through 4)</i>		Examiner's initials when test/check completed
a	Simulated fire on the ground and in the air	
b	Simulated pilot light and burner failures / Simulated parachute or valve failure	
c	Other abnormal and emergency procedures as outlined in the appropriate flight manual	
d	Simulated passenger health problems	
e	Oral question	

SECTION 5. Passed **Failed**