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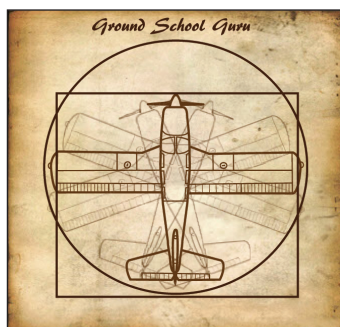
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## INTRODUCTION

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This book is intended as an aid to revision and examination preparation for those studying for the grant of an EASA PPL. Ideally its use should follow a period of self or directed study to consolidate the knowledge acquired and identify any areas of weakness prior to attempting the PPL examinations themselves.

The questions and answers in this publication are designed to reflect those appearing in the current examination papers and are set out in a representative format. No attempt has been made to replicate any actual examination paper.

Blank answer sheets are provided at the end of the book which may be photocopied to enable multiple attempts at each exam.

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Before attempting these practice examination papers, you should have read **Air Pilot's Manual, Vol. 4 – The Aeroplane Technical** and have completed the Progress Tests throughout the manual. In addition, it is recommended that you review **APM, Vol. 3 Navigation**, especially Section 2–Pre-Flight Planning & Section 3–En-route Navigation. **APM, Vol. 2 Air Law & Meteorology** Section 1 also contains relevant information, in particular Chapters 5–Airspace & 6–Air Traffic Services.

The Flight Performance & Planning examination consists of 12 questions; the time allowed is 45 minutes.

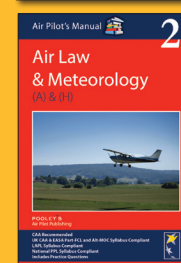
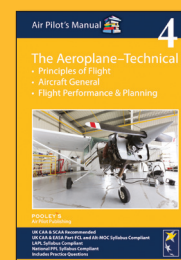
The pass mark is 75%.

Please read each question carefully and ensure you understand it fully before making your choice of answer.

Each question is multiple choice with four possible answers A, B, C and D. You should indicate your chosen answer by placing a cross in the appropriate box on the answer sheet.

Blank answer sheets are to be found at the end of this publication, these may be photocopied.

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