

U.S.C.G. Merchant Marine Exam  
Mate Uninspected Fishing Vessels  
Q194 Navigation Problems - Oceans  
(Sample Examination)

**Choose the best answer to the following Multiple Choice Questions.**

1. On 16 January your 0930 ZT DR position is LAT  $26^{\circ}07.0'S$ , LONG  $51^{\circ}43.0'E$ . Your vessel is on course  $238^{\circ}T$  at a speed of 17.0 knots. What is the ZT of local apparent noon (LAN)?
- (A) 1145
  - (B) 1148
  - (C) 1152
  - (D) 1156

*If choice A is selected set score to 1.*

2. Determine the great circle distance and initial course from LAT  $26^{\circ}00.0'S$ , LONG  $56^{\circ}00.0'W$  to LAT  $34^{\circ}00.0'S$ , LONG  $18^{\circ}15.0'E$ .
- (A) 3841 miles,  $068^{\circ}T$
  - (B) 3705 miles,  $153^{\circ}T$
  - (C) 3849 miles,  $248^{\circ}T$
  - (D) 3805 miles,  $117^{\circ}T$

*If choice D is selected set score to 1.*

3. On 23 August in DR position LAT  $24^{\circ}07.0'N$ , LONG  $136^{\circ}16.0'E$ , you observe an amplitude of the Sun. The Sun's center is on the visible horizon and bears  $074.5^{\circ}psc$ . The chronometer reads 08h 56m 19s and is 02m 34s fast. Variation in the area is  $2^{\circ}W$ . What is the deviation of the magnetic compass?
- (A)  $2.5^{\circ}E$
  - (B)  $2.8^{\circ}W$
  - (C)  $4.5^{\circ}E$
  - (D)  $4.8^{\circ}W$

*If choice C is selected set score to 1.*

4. On 6 August your 1552 zone time DR position is LAT  $24^{\circ}26.0'S$ , LONG  $73^{\circ}19.0'E$ . At that time, you observe the Sun bearing  $302^{\circ}psc$ . The chronometer reads 10h 55m 07s, and the chronometer error is 02m 38s fast. The variation is  $6^{\circ}E$ . What is the deviation of the standard magnetic compass?
- (A)  $4.1^{\circ}W$
  - (B)  $4.6^{\circ}E$
  - (C)  $5.9^{\circ}E$
  - (D)  $6.1^{\circ}W$

*If choice D is selected set score to 1.*

5. On 7 March at 1838 ZT, in DR position LAT  $34^{\circ}26.9'$  N, LONG  $58^{\circ}16.2'$  W, you observe Polaris for latitude. The sextant altitude (hs) is  $35^{\circ}08.4'$ . The index error is 2.5' off the arc. The height of eye is 54 feet. What is the latitude at the time of the sight?
- (A)  $34^{\circ}29.8'$ N
  - (B)  $34^{\circ}33.4'$ N
  - (C)  $34^{\circ}34.8'$ N
  - (D)  $34^{\circ}36.8'$ N

*If choice B is selected set score to 1.*

6. On 1 July your 0515 ZT fix gives you a position of LAT  $24^{\circ}36.0'$ S, LONG  $151^{\circ}42.0'$ W. Your vessel is on course  $300^{\circ}$ T, and your speed is 10.0 knots. Local apparent noon (LAN) occurs at 1215 ZT, at which time a meridian altitude of the Sun's lower limb is observed. The observed altitude ( $H_o$ ) for this sight is  $42^{\circ}55.0'$ . What is the calculated latitude at LAN?
- (A)  $24^{\circ}03.6'$ S
  - (B)  $24^{\circ}02.5'$ S
  - (C)  $24^{\circ}01.0'$ S
  - (D)  $24^{\circ}00.0'$ S

*If choice C is selected set score to 1.*

7. On 16 February your 0300 ZT DR position is LAT  $28^{\circ}32.0'$ S, LONG  $176^{\circ}49.0'$ E. You are on course  $082^{\circ}$ T at a speed of 21 knots. What will be the zone time of sunrise at your vessel?
- (A) 0534
  - (B) 0552
  - (C) 0631
  - (D) 0645

*If choice B is selected set score to 1.*

8. On 2 April your 0830 zone time fix gives you a position of LAT  $20^{\circ}16.0'$ S, LONG  $004^{\circ}12.0'$ E. Your vessel is steaming a course of  $143^{\circ}$ T at a speed of 18.0 knots. An observation of the Sun's upper limb is made at 0903 zone time, and the observed altitude ( $H_o$ ) is  $42^{\circ}39.6'$ . The chronometer reads 09h 05m 40s, and the chronometer error is 02m 15s fast. Local apparent noon occurs at 1145 zone time, and a meridian altitude of the Sun's lower limb is made. The observed altitude ( $H_o$ ) for this sight is  $63^{\circ}46.2'$ . Determine the vessel's 1200 zone time position.
- (A) LAT  $21^{\circ}10.1'$ S, LONG  $004^{\circ}53.9'$ E
  - (B) LAT  $21^{\circ}14.0'$ S, LONG  $004^{\circ}55.0'$ E
  - (C) LAT  $21^{\circ}18.0'$ S, LONG  $005^{\circ}00.5'$ E
  - (D) LAT  $22^{\circ}42.0'$ S, LONG  $004^{\circ}57.0'$ E

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9. You depart LAT 49°38'N, LONG 152°49'E, for LAT 49°38'N, LONG 176°12'E. What are the course and distance by parallel sailing?
- (A) 090°T, 909 miles
  - (B) 090°T, 1204 miles
  - (C) 270°T, 909 miles
  - (D) 270°T, 1204 miles

*If choice A is selected set score to 1.*

10. On 21 November at 2100 zone time, you depart LAT 32°12.0'N, LONG 69°26.0'W enroute to LAT 12°05.0'N, LONG 7°32.0'W. The distance is 3,519 miles, and the average speed will be 12.5 knots. What is the zone time of arrival?
- (A) 1330, 3 December
  - (B) 1530, 3 December
  - (C) 1830, 3 December
  - (D) 1530, 4 December

*If choice C is selected set score to 1.*