

Semper Fly Helicopters

14 CFR PART 141 FLIGHT SCHOOL



**AVIA 3123 - INSTRUMENT PILOT GROUND
ROTORCRAFT / HELICOPTER
CERTIFICATION COURSE
GROUND TRAINING MANUAL**

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SECTION 1 - GROUND TRAINING SYLLABUS

1.1 - Course Requirements and Objectives

Enrollment Prerequisites

The Semper Fly Helicopters Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft / Helicopter Ground Training Course is designed to have the students concurrently enrolled in the associated Semper Fly Helicopters Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft / Helicopter Flight Training Course. As such, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum Age: 17
2. English Proficiency - Students must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English to comply with FAA regulations
3. Financial Readiness - Students must be able to provide proof of ability to finance the training program, either through personal funds, loans, or GI Bill benefits for eligible veterans
4. Interview and Assessment - Semper Fly Helicopters reserves the right to conduct an interview in which the motivation and fitness for flight training can be assessed
5. Required Documents
 - A. U.S. Citizens
 - i. Proof of U.S. Citizenship
 - ii. Valid, unexpired U.S. passport OR
 - iii. Original or government-issued birth certificate of the U.S., American Samoa, or Swains Island AND a government-issued picture identification OR
 - iv. Original certification of birth abroad with raised seal (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350) AND a government-issued picture identification OR
 - v. Original certificate of U.S. citizenship with raised seal (Form N-560 or N-561) or a Certificate of Repatriation (Form N-581) AND government-issued picture ID OR
 - vi. Original U.S. Naturalization Certificate with raised seal (Form N-550 or N-570) AND a government-issued picture ID
 - vii. FAA Class I or Class II Medical
 - viii. FAA Airman's Certificate: Private Pilot Certificate (Rotorcraft)
 - ix. FAA Knowledge Test (if completed)
 - B. Foreign Nationals
 - i. Passport
 - ii. Visa
 - iii. FAA Class I or Class II Medical
 - iv. Complete TSA Training application

Additionally, all students must satisfy the requirements identified in Part 141; Appendix C, applicable to the certificate or rating sought by the learner. If the student is degree seeking, they must meet the enrollment criteria of the University of Oklahoma Aviation Department.

Ground Training Course Objective

The student will develop the knowledge specified by 14 CFR Part 141 Appendix C and the Airman Certification Standards for an Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft/Helicopter certificate. The student will be expected to utilize this knowledge to receive a passing score on the Instrument Pilot Knowledge Test.

Ground Training Course Completion Standards

The ground-training course will be completed when the student pilot demonstrates knowledge that meets or exceeds those standards as outlined in the Semper Fly Helicopters Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Policies Manual and the Airman Certification Standards.

*(The ground curriculum contained in this training course outline may be substituted with previous training given that the student is credited no more than 50 percent of the aeronautical knowledge training requirements of this curriculum.)

Ground Training Curriculum

Ground school for the Instrument Pilot student is accomplished by enrollment in the course and a minimum of 40.0 classroom hours. An outline for each lesson is provided in the following Ground Training Syllabus. The academic instructor will be responsible for student knowledge who obtained credit by exam or who have not taken these courses.

Ground Training Textbooks

The ground-training course is structured by the Instrument Flying Handbook, FAA-H-8083-15B; Instrument Procedures Handbook, FAA-H-8261-1A; Risk Management Handbook, FAAH-8083-2; the Federal Regulations FAR/AIM, AC 00-6 Aviation Weather and AC 00-45 Aviation Weather Services or as amended. Ground training lessons generally follow the sequence and content of these textbooks. Other required reference materials are listed in the Introduction Section of the Airman Certification Standards.

Training Records

Semper Fly Helicopters will establish and maintain current and accurate records of the participation of each student enrolled in the aviation program. These records will include as a minimum the date the student was enrolled, a chronological log of the student's course attendance, the subjects, and flight operations covered in the student's training, and the names and grades of any tests taken by the student. Additionally, a record will be maintained on the date the student graduated, terminated training, or transferred to another school. Whenever a student graduates, terminates training, or transfers to another school, the student's record will be certified to that effect by the chief instructor. The school will retain each student record for at least 1 year from the date that the student either graduates from the course to which the record pertains, terminates enrollment in the course to which the record pertains, or transfers to another school. These records will be kept in accordance with 14 CFR 141.101. The school will make a copy of these records available to the student upon request.

1.2 - Instrument Pilot Course Minimum
Time Summary

<u>TRAINING STAGE</u>	<u>DUAL</u>	<u>SIM</u>	<u>X/C</u>	<u>ORAL</u>	<u>GROUND</u>
Ground Stage One					15.6
Ground Stage Two					9.1
Ground Stage Three					15.3
SUB-TOTAL					40.0

TOTAL GROUND TIME FOR INSTRUMENT PILOT COURSE: 40.0 HOURS

TOTAL FLIGHT / SIM TIME FOR INSTRUMENT PILOT COURSE: 43.7 HOURS

MINIMUM TOTAL SIMULATED INSTRUMENT (HOOD) FLIGHT TIME: 38.2 HOURS

1.3 - Grading Rubric

After each lesson, the instructor will assign grades for each ground or flight activity using the following scale:

GRADE	STUDENT PERFORMANCE	DESCRIPTION
A	Exceeds Standards	The student meets the FAA Airman Certification Standards and usually (50% of the time or more) exceeds those standards.
B	Meets Standards	The student meets the FAA Airman Certification Standards.
C	Below Standards	The student does not meet the FAA Airman Certification Standards.
F	Failure	Student non-participation or refusal to re-train
I	Incomplete	The allotted time was not sufficient for the student to perform the activity.
NG	Not Graded	The activity was not assigned to the student and will <u>not</u> be required to be completed in a separate training session.

NOTES

- With a grade of C, or F, the instructor must include amplifying comments on the grade form
- With a grade of C, F, or I, the student will be required to complete the activity to the FAA Airman Certification Standards in a separate training session.

SECTION 2 - STAGE ONE GROUND TRAINING

OBJECTIVES:

The primary concentration during Stage One is on *Flight Instruments, Human Factors and Safe and Efficient Operations Under IFR*.

Each student must read the syllabus content material prior to arriving for class. The student must be prepared to discuss the subject content during class.

REFERENCES:

1. The Semper Fly Helicopters Training Syllabus for the Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft / Helicopter Certification Course
2. The Semper Fly Helicopters Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Policies Manual
3. The Semper Fly Helicopters Instrument Study Guide
4. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Manual
5. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Instructor Guide
6. Instrument Flying Handbook, FAA-H-8083-15
7. Instrument Procedures Handbook, FAA-H-8261-1
8. Helicopter Pilot Textbook. Jeppesen Sanderson, Inc.
9. Instrument Rating – Helicopter Airman Certification Standards, FAA-S-ACS-14
10. The FAR/AIM Manual
11. Risk Management Handbook, FAA-H-8083-2

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student will display a functional knowledge and understanding of instruments used in IFR flight, including their operation and potential errors as well as the impact of human factors on the safety of flight and safe and efficient operating procedures under IFR.

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GROUND STAGE ONE - TOTAL HOURS	15.6	

2.1 - LESSON 1: FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To introduce the student to the function, operation and potential errors associated with instruments used for IFR flight.

CONTENTS:

1. Pitot/Static Systems
 2. Pitot/Static Instruments
 3. Dynamic Pressure Instruments
 4. Magnetism
 5. Gyroscopic Systems
 6. Gyroscopic Instruments
 7. Flight Support Systems
 8. Analog Pictorial Displays
 9. Flight Management Systems
 10. Primary Flight Display
 11. Advanced Technology Systems (ADS-B)
 12. Safety Systems
 13. Required Navigation Instrument System Inspection
- Review of Semper Fly Helicopters Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Policies Manual and signing of agreement form

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays a functional knowledge of the pitot/static system as well as other instrumentation, and required inspections covered in this lesson.

2.2 - LESSON 2: HUMAN FACTORS - PART 1

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To introduce the student to human factors that can affect perception and psychological performance.

CONTENTS:

1. Sensory Systems Orientation
2. Illusions Leading to Spatial Disorientation
3. Coping with Spatial Disorientation
4. Optical Illusions
5. Physiological and Psychological Factors
6. Medical Factors
7. Hazard Identification

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays an understanding of the human factors covered in this lesson and their effect on a pilot's perception and psychological performance.

2.3 - LESSON 3: HUMAN FACTORS - PART 2

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To introduce the student to human factors that can affect perception and psychological performance.

CONTENTS:

8. Crew Resource Management and Single-pilot Resource Management
9. Situational Awareness
10. Flight Deck Resource Management
11. Task Management
12. Aeronautical Decision Making and Judgment
13. Models for Practicing ADM
14. CFIT
15. Risk Management
16. Automation Management

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays an understanding of the human factors covered in this lesson and their effect on a pilot's perception and psychological performance.

2.4 - LESSON 4: SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS UNDER IFR - PART 1

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To introduce the student to the National Airspace System Plan, system safety, system capacity and how the Airspace system's components work together.

CONTENTS:

1. National Airspace System Plans
2. System Safety
3. System Capacity
4. Managing Safety & Capacity

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays a knowledge and understanding of the National Airspace System and its components that work together to help ensure safety.

2.5 - LESSON 5: SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS UNDER IFR - PART 2

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To further explore the safety built into the IFR system, specifically concerning the surface operation and departure phase of flight.

CONTENTS:

5. Safety in the Departure Environment
 - A. Surface Movement Safety
 - B. Runway Incursions
6. Take-off Minimums

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays an understanding of safety concepts and procedures used during the taxi and departure phases of flight.

2.6 - LESSON 6: STAGE ONE REVIEW & EVALUATION

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

This lesson provides the student the opportunity to review all material covered in Stage One and to prepare for the course final examination.

CONTENTS:

Oral Examination of the Student by a Stage Check Instructor over the contents of Stage One.

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student will successfully complete this lesson when, by oral or written examination, he or she displays a functional knowledge of at least 90% of the material covered during Stage One.

SECTION 3 - STAGE TWO GROUND TRAINING

OBJECTIVES:

The primary concentration during Stage Two is on *IFR Navigation, Approaches and IFR En route Operations*.

Each student must read the syllabus content material prior to arriving for class. The student must be prepared to discuss the subject content during class.

REFERENCES:

1. The Semper Fly Helicopters Training Course Outline for the Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft / Helicopter Certification Course
2. The Semper Fly Helicopters Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Policies Manual
3. The Semper Fly Helicopters Instrument Study Guide
4. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Manual
5. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Instructor Guide
6. Instrument Flying Handbook, FAA-H-8083-15.
7. Instrument Procedures Handbook, FAA-H-8261-1
8. Helicopter Pilot Textbook. Jeppesen Sanderson, Inc.
9. Instrument Rating – Helicopter Airman Certification Standards, FAA-S-ACS-14
10. The FAR/AIM Manual
11. Risk Management Handbook, FAA-H-8083-2

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student will display a functional knowledge and understanding of IFR Navigation and Approaches and IFR En-route Operations.

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GROUND STAGE TWO - TOTAL HOURS	9.1	

3.1 - LESSON 1: IFR NAVIGATION & APPROACHES - PART 1

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To educate the student on the various navigation systems used in IFR flight.

CONTENTS:

1. Basic Radio Principles
2. Traditional Navigation Systems
 - A. NDB
 - B. VOR
 - C. DME
 - D. RNAV
3. Global Positioning System (GPS)
 - A. Wide Area Augmentation (WAAS)
 - B. Local Area Augmentation (LAAS)
4. Instrument Approach Systems
 - A. Instrument Landing System (ILS)
 - B. Simplified Directional Facility (SDF)
 - C. Localizer Type Directional Aid (LDA)
 - D. Microwave Landing System (MLS)
5. Flight Management Systems

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student demonstrates an understanding of the various navigation systems covered in this lesson.

3.2 - LESSON 2: IFR NAVIGATION & APPROACHES - PART 2

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To expose the student to the workings and components which make up the approach portion/phase of flight

CONTENTS:

6. Approach Planning
 - A. Regulatory Requirements
 - B. Performance Consideration
7. Operational Consideration (Approach Procedure Charts)
8. Air Route Traffic Control Center
9. Instrument Approach Procedure Briefing
10. Instrument Approach Procedure Segments
11. Types of Approaches
 - A. Visual & Contact Approaches
 - B. RNAV Approaches
 - C. ILS Approaches
 - D. Microwave Landing System
 - E. VOR Approach
 - F. NDB Approach
 - G. Radar Approaches
 - H. Localizer Approaches including LDA
 - I. Simplified Directional Facility

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student exhibits an understanding of the workings and components of the approach portion/phase of IFR flight.

3.3 - LESSON 3: IFR EN-ROUTE

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To educate the student on the various components of en-route navigation, procedures and operational considerations to be taken.

CONTENTS:

1. En-route Navigation & Charts
2. IFR En-route Altitudes
3. Reporting Procedures
4. Communication Failure
5. Climbing & Descending En-route
6. Holding Procedures
7. Fuel State Awareness
8. Diversion Procedures
9. En-route RNAV Procedures
10. RNAV En-route Minimum Altitudes
11. Minimum IFR Altitudes
12. Waypoints
13. National Route Program
14. Advanced Area Navigation Routes
15. Required Navigation Performance

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays a knowledge and understanding of the topics covered in this lesson with respect to en route navigation.

3.4 - LESSON 4: STAGE TWO REVIEW & EVALUATION

(Ground: 1.3 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

This lesson provides the student the opportunity to review all material covered in Stage Two and to prepare for the course final examination.

CONTENTS:

Oral examination of the student by a Stage Check Instructor over the contents of Stage Two.

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student will successfully complete this lesson when, by oral or written examination, he or she displays a functional knowledge of at least 90% of the material covered during Stage Two.

SECTION 4 - STAGE THREE GROUND TRAINING

OBJECTIVES:

The primary concentration during Stage Three is on the *Air Traffic Control System and Procedures, Federal Regulations for IFR Flight, Helicopter IFR Operations, Aviation Weather and Recognition of Critical Weather Conditions*.

Each student must read the syllabus content material prior to arriving for class. The student must be prepared to discuss the subject content during class.

REFERENCES:

1. The Semper Fly Helicopters Training Course Outline for the Instrument Pilot Rotorcraft / Helicopter Certification Course
2. The Semper Fly Helicopters Standard Operating Procedures and Safety Policies Manual
3. The Semper Fly Helicopters Instrument Study Guide
4. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Manual
5. Guimbal Cabri G2 Flight Instructor Guide
6. Instrument Flying Handbook, FAA-H-8083-15B
7. Instrument Procedures Handbook, FAA-H-8261-1A
8. Aviation Weather, AC 00-6
9. Aviation Weather Services, AC 00-45
10. Helicopter Pilot Textbook. Jeppesen Sanderson, Inc.
11. Instrument Rating – Helicopter Airman Certification Standards, FAA-S-ACS-14
12. FAR/AIM

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student will display a functional knowledge and understanding of the Air Traffic Control System and Procedures, Federal Regulations for IFR Flight, Helicopter IFR Operations, Aviation Weather and Recognition of Critical Weather Conditions. Stage three is the final stage of the ground portion of this Syllabus and will require that the student pass the FAA Rotorcraft/Helicopter Instrument written exam upon completion.

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GROUND STAGE THREE - TOTAL HOURS	15.3	

4.1 - LESSON 1: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS & PROCEDURES

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to educate the student on the various components that comprise the air traffic control system and procedures for operations under IFR.

CONTENTS:

1. Communication Equipment
2. Communication Procedures
3. Loss of Communication Procedures
4. Communication Facilities
5. ATC In-Flight Weather Avoidance Assistance
6. Approach Control Facility
7. Approach Control Advances
8. Control Sequence

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays an understanding of the procedures and functions of the air traffic control system.

4.2 - LESSON 2: FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR IFR FLIGHT

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to educate and familiarize the student with Federal Regulations pertaining to IFR flight and operations.

CONTENTS:

The student will review all applicable portions of parts 61, 91, 97, and NTSB 830 with emphasis to be placed on the following:

1. Pilot Logbooks (61.51)
2. Recent flight experience: Pilot in command (61.57)
3. Fuel Requirements for Flight in IFR Conditions (91.167)
4. IFR Flight Plan & Information Required (91.169)
5. VOR Equipment Check for IFR Operations (91.171)
6. ATC Clearance & Flight Plan Required (91.173)
7. Take-off and Landing Under IFR (91.175)
8. Minimum Altitudes for IFR Operations (91.177)
9. IFR Cruising Altitudes & Flight Levels (91.179)
10. Operations Within Airspace Designated as Reduced Vertical Separation (91.180)
11. Course to be Flown (91.181)
12. IFR Communications (91.183)
13. IFR Operations: Two-way Radio Communications Failure (91.185)
14. IFR Operations: Malfunction Reports (91.187)
15. Symbols & Terms Used in Procedures (97.3)
16. Bearings, Courses, Tracks, Headings, Radials, Miles (97.5)
17. NTSB 830

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays knowledge of the Federal Regulations for IFR flight as well as their listing location the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR/AIM).

4.3 - LESSON 3: HELICOPTER IFR OPERATIONS

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to educate the student on the procedures and regulation specific to helicopter IFR operations.

CONTENTS:

1. Helicopter Flight Control Systems (AIM 10-1-1)
2. Helicopter Instrument Approaches (AIM 10-1-2)
3. Helicopter Approach Procedures to VFR Helicopters (AIM 10-1-3)

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays knowledge of the contents of Chapter 10 of the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM), specifically concerning the portions covering helicopter IFR operations.

4.4 - LESSON 4: AVIATION WEATHER

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to educate the student on the contents of AC 00-6, which covers weather and its potential effect on the safety of flight.

CONTENTS:

1. The Earth's Atmosphere
2. Temperature
3. Atmospheric Pressure and Altimetry
4. Wind
5. Moisture, Cloud Formation, & Precipitation
6. Stable & Unstable Air
7. Clouds
8. Air Masses & Fronts
9. Turbulence
10. Icing
11. Thunderstorms
12. Common IFR Producers

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays a functional knowledge of weather and its potential effects on the safety of flight.

4.5 - LESSON 5: RECOGNITION OF CRITICAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

(Ground: 2.6 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

The objective is to educate the student on the contents of AC 00-45, and its use as a reference guide in translating various textual and graphical reports, forecasts, and charts.

CONTENTS:

1. Aviation Weather Service Program
2. Aviation Weather Product Classification and Policy
3. Observed Text Products
4. Radar & Satellite Imagery
5. Graphical Observations & Derived Products
6. Products for Aviation Hazards
7. Forecast Text Products
8. Forecast Charts
9. Wind Shear Avoidance
10. Supplementary Products

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

This lesson will be successfully completed when, by oral or written examination, the student displays a functional knowledge in the application of the contents of this lesson as well as a familiarity with AC 00-45 as a resource and reference guide.

4.6 - LESSON 6: FINAL TEST & EVALUATION

(Ground: 2.3 Hours)

OBJECTIVES:

To determine the flight instructor candidate's level of knowledge on the subject matter covered during this ground curriculum.

REFERENCES:

1. Helicopter Flying Handbook
2. The FAR/AIM Manual
3. Aviation Instructor's Handbook
4. Risk Management Handbook
5. Pilot's Encyclopedia of Aeronautical Knowledge
6. Aviation Weather For Pilots
7. Aviation Weather Services

CONTENTS:

This examination will review Stage One, Two, and Three material. The examination shall, as a minimum, consist of (but is not limited to) at least 25 FAA computer knowledge examination type multiple choice questions.

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

Grading is based on the traditional scale:

A = 90% to 100%

B = 80% to 89%

C = 70% to 79%

D = 60% to 69%

F = below 60%

Instructor candidates who do not achieve a satisfactory score (80 +) must be scheduled for additional instruction in the area(s) of deficiency identified by the examination or must retake the course.

4.7 - LESSON 7: FAA COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION

OBJECTIVES:

This lesson provides the student an opportunity to participate in the FAA Helicopter/Rotorcraft Instrument Pilot written knowledge examination.

CONTENTS:

This examination will cover all topics found within the applicable Airman Certification Standards and FAR/AIM sections. There are 60 randomly selected questions covering all topics addressed within the Instrument Pilot Ground Course

COMPLETION STANDARDS:

The student completes the course when he or she passes the FAA Computer Knowledge Test with a minimum score of 70% corrected to 100%. Students who do not achieve this score must be scheduled for additional instruction and re-examination, or be re-enrolled in the course.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants **MUST** have either the instructor of the ground course or a flight instructor endorse their logbook to certify that the student is competent to take the test.

KNOWLEDGE AREAS ON THE TESTS:

The tests are comprehensive, as they must test an applicant's knowledge in many subject areas. All test questions are the objective, multiple choice type, with three choices of answers; each question can be answered by the selection of a single response. Each test question is independent of other questions, that is, a correct response to one does not depend upon, or influence the correct response to another. The maximum time allowed for taking the Instrument Pilot knowledge examination is 2.5 hours.

When taking a test, keep the following points in mind:

1. Answer each question in accordance with the latest regulations and procedures.
2. Read each question carefully before looking at the possible answers. You should clearly understand the problem before attempting to solve it.
3. After formulating an answer, determine which choice most nearly corresponds with the answer. The answer chosen should completely resolve the problem.
4. From the answers given, it may appear that there is more than one possible answer. However, there is only one answer that is correct and complete. The other answers are incomplete, erroneous, or represent common misconceptions.
5. If a certain question is difficult for you, it is best to mark it for RECALL and proceed to the next question. After you answer the less difficult questions, return to those, which you marked for recall and answer them. The recall marking procedure will be explained to you prior to starting the test. Although the computer should alert you to unanswered questions, make sure every question has an answer recorded. This procedure will enable you to use the available time to maximum advantage.
6. When solving a calculation problem, select the answer nearest your solution. The problem has been checked with various types of calculators; therefore, if you have solved it correctly, your answer will be closer to the correct answer than any of the other choices.

REMEMBER:

You always have an opportunity to take a sample test before the actual test begins.

ARRIVING FOR THE TEST:

When you arrive for the test, you should have a flight computer, a pocket calculator, a plotter, and a **PENCIL (NO PENS PLEASE)**. If you plan to use an electronic flight computer, the test monitor must ask you to remove the batteries to ensure that no information is in memory. **DO NOT LOSE THE AIRMAN TEST REPORT**, as you will need to present it to the examiner prior to taking the practical test. Loss of this report means that you will have to request a duplicate copy from the FAA in Oklahoma City.

CHEATING OR OTHER UNAUTHORIZED CONDUCT:

When entering the test area, you are permitted to take only scratch paper furnished by the test administrator and an authorized aviation computer, plotter, etc., approved for use in accordance with FAA Order 8080.6C, Conduct of Airmen Knowledge Tests via the Computer Medium, and AC 60-11C, Aids Authorized for Use by Airman Written Test Applicants. The FAA has directed testing centers to stop a test any time a test administrator suspects a cheating incident has occurred. An FAA investigation will then follow. If the investigation determines that cheating or other unauthorized conduct has occurred, any airman certificate that you hold may be revoked, and you may not be allowed to take a retest for 1 year.

RE-TESTING PROCEDURES:

If the score on the airman test report is 70 or above, in most cases the report is valid for 24 calendar months. You may elect to retake the test in anticipation of a better score. Prior to retaking the test, you must give your current airman test report to the Test Monitor. Remember, the score of the latest test you take will become the official test score.