

PRACTICE FOR THE FCL.055

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE ATIS

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The FCL.055 consists of 3 oral evaluations. One of them is designed to assess a pilot's listening comprehension abilities. The candidate listens twice to the recordings of authentic ATIS messages and fills in the blanks on an answer sheet. There are 10 messages, the last one being an ATIS transmission.

A lot of airports have a phone number dedicated to the broadcast of their current ATIS and/or weather forecast. With Skype, it is easy to make cheap long distance calls to practice jotting down ATIS elements from airports in Canada and the United States⁽¹⁾ or, closer to us, in the United Kingdom⁽²⁾.

Below are the transcriptions of a few ATIS, with the airport name and phone number. Listen to the recordings on www.anglais-pour-voler.com and find the missing words. One dash is a word or a number.

Kirkwall (0)1856 878 476

Welcome to Kirkwall airport, standby for (- - - 1)
Kirkwall information Echo
Time 1-2-2-0

Runway in use 2-7
Surface wind 3-5-0, 1-5 knots
Visibility 5-0 kilometer (- - - 2)
Temperature plus 1-6, dew point plus 1-1
QNH 1-0-0-9
Runway 2-7 (- - - 3)
(- - - 4) of (- - - 5) on and (- - - 6) of the aerodrome
Forecast TEMPO period date 1-2, time 1-2 hours to date 1-2, time 2-1 hours
7 kilometer (- - - 7)
Broken 1400 feet.

Jersey (0)1534 446 301

Jersey (- - 8) at time 1-1-5-0
Runway in use 2-7
Surface wind 3-0-0 degrees, 1-1 knots
Visibility 10 kilometers (- - 9)
(- - 10) at 1300 feet
Temperature 1-8, dew point 1-4
QNH 1-0-2-0 hectopascals, QFE 1-0-1-0 hectopascals (- - - 11)
Airfield information: (- - - 12) at The Pulent
Advise ATC that you have copied (- - 8) and advise (- - 13) on first contact.

Belfast city (0)2890 935 124

Belfast city information, (- - 14) of information Mike
Time 1-1-1-8
Runway for departure (- - - - 15) on contact
Runway in use 2-2
Surface wind 3-0-0, 1-2 knots
Visibility 3-0 kilometer (- - - - 16)

Few 2300 feet, scattered 3500 feet
Temperature plus 1-6, dew point plus 9
QNH 1-0-1-6
Runway 22 (- - - 17)
The (- - - - 18).

Chicago O'Hare 773 601 8921

O'Hare international airport information Echo, 1-0-5-1 Zulu
Wind 2-4-0 at 5
Visibility 1-0 (- - 19)
6 thousand scattered, (- - - - 20), 2-5 thousand overcast
Temperature 2-2, dew point 1-8
Altimeter 2-9-9-9
Arrivals (- - 21) ILS runway 2-7L approach, (- - 22) runway 2-7R (- - 23) in use
Read back all (- - - - 24)
Departures expect runway 22L, 32L, (- - - 25), (- - - 26) available (- - - 27) are (- - 28)
Advise on initial contact you have information Echo.

Tri-Cities 509 547 7379

Tri-Cities airport, Pasco, Washington (- - - 29) 0-6-3-6 Zulu
Wind 2-1-0 at 0-7
Visibility 1-0 (- - - 30)
Temperature 2-6 Celsius; dew point 1-0 Celsius
Altimeter 2-9-9-2
Tri-Cities tower (- - 31) at 2-2-0-0 local time
The (- - - - 32), (- - - - 33) and (- - - 34) are available on 1-3-5 point 3
Tri-Cities tower (- - - - 35) at 0-6-0-0 local time.

Answers

1 - the current weather; 2 - scattered 2000 feet; 3 - dry, dry, dry; 4 - pilots are advised; 5 - increased wind activity; 6 - in the vicinity; 7 - moderate showers of rain; 8 - information Oscar; 9 - or more; 10 - cloud scattered; 11 - no significant change; 12 - paragliding in process; 13 - aircraft type; 14 - acknowledge receipt; 15 - will be advised by tower; 16 - slight showers of rain; 17 - wet, wet, wet; 18 - primary radar is unserviceable; 19 - light drizzle; 20 - ceiling 1-1 thousand broken; 21 - expect vectors; 22 - visual approach; 23 - simultaneous approaches; 24 - runway hold short instructions; 25 - ramp Tango 10; 26 - 88 hundred feet; 27 - noise abatement procedures; 28 - in effect; 29 - automated weather observation; 30 - sky condition clear; 31 - suspended operation; 32 - common traffic advisory frequency; 33 - pilot operated approach lighting; 34 - runway edge lighting; 35 - will resume normal operation.

(1) www.aenav.com/airports/us or <http://worldaerodata.com/> : some airports have a phone number mentioned next to the ATIS frequency. The ASOS (automatic surface observation system) phone number can be available too.

(2) www.metoffice.gov.uk/media/pdf/4/1/Get_Met_2012_amends_tag_Artwork.pdf : the numbers of around 30 airports providing weather and/or airport information by telephone are listed page 19.