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1 What should be considered regarding a scheduled flight over water, when land cannot be reached in case of an emergency landing?

- □B) Transponder code 7600 has to be set during the whole flight
- $\Box C)$ Contact to the nearest ATC shall consist during the whole flight
- D) The flight plan has to contain the exact waypoints

2 A wind shear is...

- ☑A) a vertical or horizontal change of wind speed and wind direction.
- \Box B) a wind speed change of more than 15 kt.
- \Box C) a slow increase of the wind speed in altitudes above 13000 ft.
- $\Box D$) a meteorological downslope wind phenomenon in the alps.

3 Which weather phenomenon is typically associated with wind shear?

- □A) Fog.
- $\square B)$ Thunderstorms.
- $\Box C$) Invernal warm front.
- \Box D) Stable high pressure areas.

4 When do you expect wind shear?

- \Box A) During a summer day with calm winds
- \square B) In calm wind in cold weather
- ☑C) During an inversion
- $\Box D$) When passing a warm front

5 Wake turbulence is caused by...

- \square A) pressure compensation at the wingtip of an aerofoil.
- \square B) turbulence at the downwind side of a mountain range.
- $\Box C$) wind shear at the wingtip of an aerofoil.
- $\Box D$) jet blast behind a turbine engine.

6 Wake turbulence is particularly strong...

- $\square A$) when flying at low speeds.
- $\Box B$) when flying at high altitudes.
- $\Box C$) when flying at high speeds.
- \Box D) when flying at low altitudes.

7 During buildup of a gas balloon, sacks with sand are hooked up.

The end of the hooks should be directed ...

- □A) inside.
- $\square B$) perpedicular to net path
- $\Box C$) parallel to net path
- ☑D) outside

8 Where has the ballast aboard a gas balloon to be stored during cruise?

- $\Box A$) below the net ending ropes
- \square B) inside the tow shield
- $\square C$) inside the basket
- $\Box D$) at the outside wall of the basket

9 Before buildup, the buildup team has to be informed about correct behaviour at sudden critical situations how?

- $\Box A$) only at gusty winds
- □B) at least zwo days before
- $\square C$) by the balloon pilot
- □D) twice

10 The stretch-out of the envelope of a hot-air balloon should be made:

- ☑A) To the lee side of the basket
- $\square B)$ To the luv side of the basket
- $\Box C$) To the sun-averted side of the basket
- $\Box D$) To the sunward side of the basket

11 How can expanding filling gas be released in case the filling port of a gas balloon cannot be opened during cruise?

- $\Box A$) By releasing the filling port cables
- \square B) By activating the pull rope
- □C) By turning the Poeschelring
- ☑D) Through the emergency opening

12 What has to be expected during descent above a heated water surface?

- $\Box A$) The rate of descent decreases.
- $\square B$) The rate of descent increases.
- \Box C) The horizontal speed increases.
- □D) The horizontal speed decreases.

13 What has to be considered before a balloon ride across water surfaces?

- ☑A) For all people inside the basket life jackets have to be carried aboard
- □B) Continuous radio communication has to be established with air traffice control
- \square C) A transponder has to be installed and carried aboard
- \Box D) A flight plan with detailled routing has to be filed.

14 What has to be considered at moderate wind speeds during a balloon ride across mountainous area with cloud-free sky?

- $\Box A$) Altimeter indication too low.
- \square B) Icing conditions.
- \Box C) Decreasing burner power.
- ☑D) Lee waves and severe up- and downdrafts

15 Under which conditions, no harzards should be expected for a balloon ride?

- \Box A) With an cold front approaching
- \square B) With an warm front approaching
- $\square C$) With high pressure areas before sunset
- \Box D) Close to showers or thunderstorms

16 What wind conditions should be expected in the vicinity of showers or thunderstorms?

- $\Box A$) Steady wind into direction of shower.
- \square B) Calm winds during passage of a shower.
- $\square C$) Strong gust from variable directions.
- \Box D) Steady wind from direction of shower.

17 How may passengers assist the balloon pilot during landing preparation?

- $\square A$) By stowing of loose parts
- \square B) By activating the pull rope
- \Box C) By activating the vents
- D) By activating the emergency opening

18 What are primary criteria for selecting a landing site?

- 1. Obstacle situation
- 2. Elevation of the site
- 3. Strength of surface wind
- □A) 1, 2 and 3
- ☑B) 1 and 3
 □C) 2 and 3
- $\Box D$) 1 and 2

19 Which wind system may be dangerous for balloon rides in the Alps?

- □A) Mistral
- □B) Scirocco
- □C) Bora
- ☑D) Foehn

20 On summerdays with calm winds, the balloon pilot has to expect:

- ☑A) With strongly heated surface layers.
- $\square B$) With wind shear.
- \Box C) With a cold air pool on the ground.
- $\Box D$) With a pronounced ground inversion.

21 What has to be expected by the balloon pilot during descent in deeply cooled layers close to the ground?

- \square A) Floating on top of the cold air layer.
- □B) Increasing descent while entering to ground layers
- $\Box C$) Balloon starts to climb.
- □D) Sudden change in airspeed.

22 What action should be recommended to a balloon pilot after landing with a gas balloon in a forrest with large fir trees?

- ZA) Slowly draining the balloon by gently pulling the vents, until the basket touches ground.
- \Box B) Fix the balloon over night; try restart at next morning.
- $\Box C$) Quick release the gas from the balloon by activating the rip panel.
- D) Transport the filled balloon by ground crew to a clear area, and dismount it there.

23 In case of a water landing, when should the life jackets be inflated?

- \Box A) Before touchdown on water surface.
- \square B) During cruise over water.
- $\Box C$) After landing, still in the basket, if leaving the basket has to be expected.
- $\square D$) After leaving the basket.

24 Why has a secondary ingnition source be available during a ride with a hot-air balloon?

- ☑A) To re-ingnite the burner or pilot flames after flameout.
- □B) To check seals of hose connections during darkness.
- □C) To provide light signals by a camping fire after an emergency landing.
- \Box D) As an emergency lighting during night.

25 How can the vents be checked before take-off with a gas balloon?

- $\Box A$) Strongly shaking the vent rope.
- $\square B$) Perform a valve slide.
- \Box C) Connecting the filling nozzle with the static line loop.
- □D) Check if the ropes are clear and working.

26 In case of damage of the hull of a gas ballon, repairs have to be done by a certified Approved Aeronautical Workshop when exceeding a length of:

- ⊠A) 1.0 m
- □B) 2.0 m
- □C) 0.5 m
- □D) 5.0 m

27 Damages at the basket ropes have to be fixed by:

- $\Box A$) By the balloon pilot.
- ☑B) By an Aprroved Aeronautical Workshop.
- □C) Upon the next Aeronautical Recurrence Certification.
- \Box D) By tying with a part of a spare rope (during cruise).

28 What action has to be considered by the pilot of a hot-air balloon with a double-burner installation, in case one burner valve fails?

- \square A) The ride can be continued by use of the remaining burner.
- \Box B) Both burner valves have to be shut down immediately.
- \Box C) An emergency call should be made.
- \Box D) The ride has to be stopped immediately.

29 What may be the consequence, if gas containers of a hot-air balloon are refilled at temperatures below 0 °C by volume (80%)?

- \Box A) Too low pressure at high temperatures.
- $\square B$) Overfilling of the gas container.
- \Box C) Less burner power at high temperatures.
- D) Smaller volume in the container at high temperatures.

30 During setup of a hot-air balloon, the hull is damaged with a hole with a size of 1.50 m x 1.00 m.

Is Take-Off permitted?

- $\Box A$) No, the hull has to be repaired first.
- \square B) Yes, if loading is reduced.
- \Box C) Yes, if all passengers agree.
- $\square D$) Yes, if permitted by the operating handbook.

31 In case of radio communication failure within a CTR (control zone), the pilot has to ...

- ☑A) continue the ride according to last clearance; in case of imminent danger land immediately.
- \Box B) this has no consequences while in VMC.
- \Box C) squawk transponer code A 7500.
- D) maintain current altitude until leaving the control zone.

32 What action has to be taken by the pilot of a hot-air balloon in case of fire on the ground?

First action is to ...

- $\Box A$) leave from the area surrounding the burner.
- □B) make an emergency call via radio
- \Box C) engage the fire extinguishers.
- $\square D$) close the valvces of the gas containers.