# SDEA Level 6 – Candidates' instructions





### Part 1:

In Part 1 the candidate will listen to two recordings of radiotelephony communication, in which a linguistic, situational, and/or cultural complication hinders effective and efficient interaction. The candidate will be asked to:

- 1) identify the communication breakdown(s) or misunderstanding(s);
- 2) explain the possible causes of the communication breakdown based on his/her own interpretation of the situation; and
- 3) suggest ways to improve the outcome of the first communication and answer a question related to the second situation.

#### Part 2:

In Part 2 the candidate will receive a set of pictures that portray a sequence of events that happened during an abnormal or emergency situation. The candidate will be asked to:

- 1) contact the air traffic controller to announce the problem and inform intentions;
- 2) a few days after the event, report to the chief pilot of his/her company everything that happened, based on the three pictures; and
- 3) answer questions about the topic, expressing his/her opinions.

### Part 3:

In Part 3 the candidate will listen to two recordings of speakers discussing an aviation topic with different sides/perspectives, including informal and nuanced language. After the recordings are played once, the candidate will be asked to:

- 1) answer some questions about the recording;
- 2) take a position in one of the sides, providing his/her own arguments and elaborating on his/her reasoning; and
- 3) explain, in simple language, the meaning the speakers wanted to convey at certain points in the conversation.

## Part 4:

In Part 4 the candidate will listen to a brief news report about an aviation accident and will be asked to report key aspects related to the event. Then, he/she will participate in an informal conversation on the topic, directed to the general public (people not familiar with aviation). The interlocutor may remind the candidate to rephrase and/or adapt his/her language to ensure successful communication.

Note: From Parts 1 to 4, it is expected that the candidate will give extended responses, being informative and elaborating on his/her opinions.

## Part 5:

In Part 5 the candidate will listen once to a recording of a pilot interacting with an aviation professional in a non-routine situation. When the recording finishes, the interlocutor will ask the candidate to remove the headsets, so that he/she can continue interacting as the pilot with the examiner, who will play the role of an aviation professional over the radio. This is a voice-only interaction, so the candidate should remain facing the interlocutor, the same way he/she did during the entire exam.