



**MERCHANT SHIPPING SECRETARIAT  
GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATION**

GRADE : OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ON SHIPS OF 500  
GT OR MORE (UNLIMITED)

SUBJECT : OCEAN & OFFSHORE NAVIGATION

DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Time : 0900 to 1200 hrs

Time allowed **THREE hours**

Total marks : 200

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

Pass marks : 70%

Formulae and all intermediate steps taken in reaching your answer should be clearly shown. You may draw sketches wherever required. Electronic devices capable of storing and retrieving are **not** allowed.

- 1) On 5<sup>th</sup> April, a ship in position 30° 24' S, 172° 42' E steamed the following courses:

Time	Comp Co	Dev	Wind	Leeway	Speed
1200	140 <sup>0</sup>	3 <sup>0</sup> E	SW	4 <sup>0</sup>	10 kts
1600	130 <sup>0</sup>	3 <sup>0</sup> E	SW	3 <sup>0</sup>	12 kts
2000	110 <sup>0</sup>	1 <sup>0</sup> E	S	4 <sup>0</sup>	12 kts
2400	100 <sup>0</sup>	Nil	S	5 <sup>0</sup>	10 kts
0400	085 <sup>0</sup>	1 <sup>0</sup> W	SE	4 <sup>0</sup>	12 kts
0800	065 <sup>0</sup>	2 <sup>0</sup> W	NE	4 <sup>0</sup>	14 kts
1200	090 <sup>0</sup>	Nil	NE	3 <sup>0</sup>	12 kts

If Variation was 5° E and a current set the vessel 135° (T) at 1 knot throughout, find the following.

- Course made good
- Distance made good
- Estimated position at noon on 06<sup>th</sup> April

(35 marks)

- 2) A vessel in position A: ( $10^{\circ} 30'S$ ,  $090^{\circ} 12'W$ ) has to proceed to position B: ( $30^{\circ} 06'S$ ,  $178^{\circ} 48'W$ ) by a great circle track. Find the following;
- Great Circle distance
  - Initial course
  - Final course
  - Position of the vertex

(35 marks)

- 3) Find by Mercator's Principle the course and distance from starting position A: ( $20^{\circ} 06'N$ ,  $126^{\circ} 54'E$ ) to B: ( $42^{\circ} 18'N$ ,  $158^{\circ} 12'E$ ).

(25 marks)

- 4) On 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1992, PM ship in DR  $40^{\circ} 36'S$ ,  $140^{\circ} 48'W$ , the sextant altitude of Saturn was  $54^{\circ} 56.2'$  at 04h 14m 36s chronometer time (error 06m 30s fast). If IE was  $3.0'$  on the arc and HE was 20 m, find,
- The direction of the Position Line (PL)
  - The longitude where it crosses the DR lat.
  - The position through which to draw the PL

(35 marks)

- 5) On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1992 A ship in DR  $15^{\circ} 46' S$ ,  $106^{\circ} 12' E$  following Simultaneous celestial Observations made

Find the position of the vessel.

Fomalhaut - 1.4M Towards from azimuth  $244^{\circ}(T)$

Capella - 6.4M Towards from azimuth  $023^{\circ}(T)$

Canopus - 3.0M Away from azimuth  $147^{\circ}(T)$

(30 marks)

6)

A- On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1992 in DR  $24^{\circ} 30'N$ ,  $161^{\circ} 56'E$  the sextant meridian altitude of the Sun's Lower Limb was  $65^{\circ} 12.1'$ . If IE was  $2.3'$  on the arc and HE was 10.5m find the Latitude.

(20 marks)

B- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1992 in DR  $54^{\circ} 20'S$ ,  $46^{\circ} 27'W$ , the sun set bearing  $234^{\circ} (C)$ . If variation was  $3^{\circ}W$  find the deviation of the compass

(20 marks)