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U.S.C.G. Merchant Marine Exam Master Less than 500-1600 Gross Registered Tons Q125 Chart 13205TR (Sample Examination)

Choose the best answer to the following Multiple-Choice Questions.

- 1. The Light List indicates that a light has a nominal range of 13 miles and is 36 feet high (11.0 meters). If the visibility is 7.0 miles and your height of eye is 25 feet (7.6 meters), at what approximate distance will you sight the light?
 - A. 10.0 miles
 - B. 12.9 miles
 - C. 14.2 miles
 - D. 17.0 miles

Correct answer: A

2. The following questions are to be answered using Chart 13205 TR, Block Island Sound, and supporting publications.

Your vessel is on a course of 090°T at a speed of 14 knots.

Your draft is 37 feet, and your height of eye is 56 feet.

At 1705:

Race Rock Light bears 099°True Orient Point Light bears 176°True Bartlett Reef Light bears 083°True

What is your vessel's position?

- A. LAT 41°16.4'N, LONG 72°14.2'W
- B. LAT 41°15.4'N, LONG 72°16.6'W
- C. LAT 41°15.0'N, LONG 72°14.3'W
- D. LAT 41°15.9'N, LONG 72°14.0'W

Correct answer: D

- 3. If there is no set or drift, at what time would you be abeam of Bartlett Reef Light?
 - A. 1734
 - B. 1729
 - C. 1719
 - D. 1724

Correct answer: D

- 4. At 1718, Bartlett Reef Light bears 050°T at a distance of 1.5 miles. From this position, you change course to 128°T. At 1750 Race Rock Light bears 336°T, Little Gull Island Light bears 285°T, and Montauk Point Light bears 134°T. What were the set and drift of the current you encountered since 1718?
 - A. 065°T at 1.7 knots
 - B. 245°T at 0.9 knots
 - C. 245°T at 1.7 knots
 - D. 065°T at 0.9 knots

Correct answer: A

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- 5. If your fathometer is set on fathoms, what should your fathometer read at 1750?
 - A. 14.7 fathoms
 - B. 10.2 fathoms
 - C. 8.5 fathoms
 - D. 51.0 fathoms

Correct answer: C

- **6.** At 1756 you determined your vessel's position to be 41°10.4'N, 71°59.2'W. From this position, you wish to change course to head for a point 5 miles west of Block Island North Light. With a reported set of 050°T, a drift of 2.0 knots and turning RPMs for 14 knots, which course should you steer to make good your desired course?
 - A. 075°T
 - B. 080°T
 - C. 070°T
 - D. 085°T

Correct answer: B

- 7. At 1844 Watch Hill Point bears 323°T and Block Island North Light bears 084°T. Which statement is TRUE?
 - A. You are to the left (north) of your desired course line.
 - B. Your fathometer reads 97 feet
 - C. You are governed by the Inland Rules of the Road.
 - D. Your vessel is approximately 8.7 miles off Sandy Point.

Correct answer: D

- **8.** From your 1850 position of 41°12.8'N, 71°44.1'W, you change course to 060°T. If you make the course good, what will be your predicted distance off Point Judith Light when the Light bears 015°T?
 - A. 3.4 miles
 - B. 1.9 miles
 - C. 2.7 miles
 - D. 1.2 miles

Correct answer: C

- **9.** You are making good a course of 060°T at a speed of 13.5 knots. At 1855 Block Island North Light bears 086°T; at 1910 Block Island North Light bears 108°T; and at 1930 the same light bears 184°T. Which statement is TRUE about your 1930 running fix position?
 - A. You are inside the 20-fathom curve
 - B. The bottom is mud, sand, and clay.
 - C. The wavy magenta lines to the north through east of your position are designated lobstering areas.
 - D. You are on the edge of a cable area.

Correct answer: D

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- **10.** At 1942 Point Judith bears 030°T and has a range of 3.6 miles and Sandy Point has a range of 5.3 miles. What was your speed made good from your 1850 position?
 - A. 14.0 knots
 - B. 12.5 knots
 - C. 13.5 knots
 - D. 13.0 knots

Correct answer: D