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U.S.C.G. Merchant Marine Exam

First Class Pilot

Q372 Chart 12221TR

(Sample Examination)

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

1.	The nominal range of a light may be accurately defined as the maximum distance at which a light may be seen
	 A. under existing visibility conditions B. with fifteen miles visibility C. with ten miles visibility D. under perfect visibility
	Correct answer: C
2.	The following questions are to be answered using Chart 12221TR, Chesapeake Bay Entrance, and supporting publications.
	You are southbound along the coast on a course of 180°T and the engine speed is 14 knots. Your draft is 16 feet. Gyro error is 2°W. Use 10°W variation where required
	At 2000 Hog Island Lighted Bell Buoy "12" bears 199°T and Buoy "GM" bears 249°T. What is your position?
	A. 37°23.5'N, 75°32.2'W B. 37°03.5'N, 75°02.2'W C. 37°03.5'N, 75°32.2'W D. 37°35.0'N, 75°32.2'W
	Correct answer: A
3.	From your 2000 position you change course to 206°T. What time would you expect to be abeam of Hog Island Buoy "12"?
	A. 2021 B. 2040 C. 2026 D. 2031
	Correct answer: C
4.	You should expect to pass how far off buoy "12"?
	A. 0.8 mile B. 1.7 miles C. 2.1 miles D. 1.2 miles
	Correct answer: A

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5. At 2030 you take the following bearings:

Sand Shoal Inlet South Light - 275°T Cape Charles Light - 235°T

What is the set and drift from 2000 to 2030?

- A. 268° at 0.7 knot
- B. 088° at 0.7 knot
- C. 088° at 1.4 knots
- D. 268° at 1.4 knots

Correct answer: D

6. From your 2030 fix you change course to 195°T, and leave the engine speed at 14 knots.

At 2045, your position is Lat 37°13.50'N Long 075°38.05'W Which statement is TRUE?

- A. Cape Charles Light bears 050° relative.
- B. Your fathometer reading is approximately 40 fathoms.
- C. Your vessel is located in a restricted area.
- D. Chesapeake Light bears 190° relative.

Correct answer: A

- 7. You continue to steer 195°T. You pass Cape Charles Lighted Bell Buoy "14", 0.9 miles abeam to starboard at 2111. What is your speed made good from 2045 to 2111?
 - A. 14.1 knots
 - B. 13.7 knots
 - C. 14.8 knots
 - D. 14.5 knots

Correct answer: C

- 8. What is your course made good from 2045 to 2111?
 - A. 187°T
 - B. 190°T
 - C. 193°T
 - D. 196°T

Correct answer: C

- 9. If you are going to head directly for Chesapeake Light from your 2111 fix, what is the course to make good?
 - A. 196°T
 - B. 190°T
 - C. 193°T
 - D. 199°T

Correct answer: B

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- 10. (5.8.2.2B2-9) At 2200, you alter course to 204°T, at 14 knots. You expect a current on this leg of the trip, setting 325° at 1.5 knots. Which course should you steer per gyrocompass to make good the true course?

 - A. 184°pgcB. 201°pgcC. 194°pgcD. 190°pgc

Correct answer: B