



SEAGOING DECK OFFICER CLASS 1 & CLASS 2

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

PAPER 5

COMMERCE & LAW

Time Allowed: 3 hours

INSTRUCTION :-

This paper contains NINE questions where

Candidates should answer questions 1, 2, 3 AND any other FOUR from the remainder.

Questions do not carry equal marks and candidates are advised to allocate their time accordingly.

The full mark for this paper is 100 and the passing mark is 50 (50%).

CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WRITE ON OR DEFACE THIS PAPER

This paper consists of this page and THREE other printed pages.

Notes to Candidates:-

- i) Write down your name in the top right-hand corner on the first page of the answer sheets.
- ii) Write down the question number in the top left-hand corner on each page.
- iii) Answer each question on a new page.
- iv) No need to copy the questions' details onto the answer sheets.
- v) **Switch off all your mobile phones and communication devices when in the examination room.**
- vi) **Return all the question paper(s), the used and unused answer sheets before leaving the examination room.**
- vii) **Do not disturb other candidate(s) in the examination room.**
- viii) **Do not attempt to take any photos or recordings of any question papers and/or answer sheets.**
- ix) The progress of the examination is being recorded by close-circuit television (CCTV) and voice recorders in the examination room.

If the above rules from item v) to viii) are infringed, candidates will be regarded as having failed the examination as a whole and will not be accepted for re-examination for such period as may be decided by the Director.

考生注意事項：-

- i) 在答題紙首頁右上角寫上姓名。
- ii) 在每頁答題紙的左上角標明回答的問題題號。
- iii) 每一條問題另開新頁作答。
- iv) 不需要抄寫問題到答題紙上。
- v) 進入試場後，把手機及所有通信設備關閉。
- vi) 離開試場前，交回所有試卷、所有用過和未用過的答題紙及草稿紙。
- vii) 試場內不可干擾其他考生。
- viii) 切勿嘗試拍攝或錄取任何試卷或答案。
- ix) 考試期間試場內會有閉路電視(CCTV)和錄音系統進行記錄。

如果違反上述 v) 至 viii) 規則，即當作所有考試不及格，以及在處長決定的期間內不得重考。

Candidates should answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

1. Your vessel was registered in Hong Kong and was navigating inside river of foreign country. As local pilot insisted full speed heading to berth, the waves of own vessel navigation caused another berthed vessel drawing off and hull damage.

Outline the factors that you would take into consideration in this situation and the action you would take in response to each.

(20 marks)

2. (a) Explain the effect of the following clauses in a voyage charter party:
- (i) Free in / out
 - (ii) Demurrage Clause
- (b) Explain the risk of master signing bill of lading if cargo has not been loaded?

(20 marks)

3. (a) Explain the background of Port State Control (PSC) and what are the main conventions to be pursuant.
- (b) If your vessel was detained by PSC inspector and you deemed the detention was NOT reasonable, how do you take actions to protect owner interest?
- (c) If the inspector claims some bonus for the inspection, what will you tackle the request and illustrate the reason.

(20 marks)

Candidates should answer any FOUR questions from the following:

4. (a) Outline the major contents of a Load Line Certificate.
- (b) State the necessary action if closing mechanisms of ventilators and air pipes are malfunction and the reason why ship is to be detained by PSC inspector.
- (c) Explain how to make a pre-stow plan with consideration of different international load line zones.

(10 marks)

5. (a) Ship A received a distress alert message from VHF (Very High Frequency) station, the officer in charge of navigation watch switched off both VHF equipment for avoiding continuous alarming.

Explain the correctness or not of the officer's action and master's statutory liabilities to any distress alert on sea.

(10 marks)

6. (a) What is certificate of registry, and what is its function?
- (b) What is continuous synopsis record (CSR) and what is its function.

(10 marks)

7. (a) Explain the difference of Gross Tonnage and Net Tonnage.
- (b) Illustrate the types of tonnage certificate and its functions?

(10 marks)

8. (a) Describe the meaning of Notice of Readiness.
- (b) A bulk carrier arrived at a port for loading wheat, the local quarantine officer inspected cargo holds and found insects, it took 4 days to fumigate all cargo holds. Charterer put the vessel off hire and deducts the hire accordingly. Please analyse the charterer's action.

(10 marks)

9. (a) What is the relation between master and pilot?
- (b) Can master reject pilot instruction and explain the reason(s), any exceptions?
- (c) What is difference between compulsory pilotage and strong recommended pilotage?

(10 marks)

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