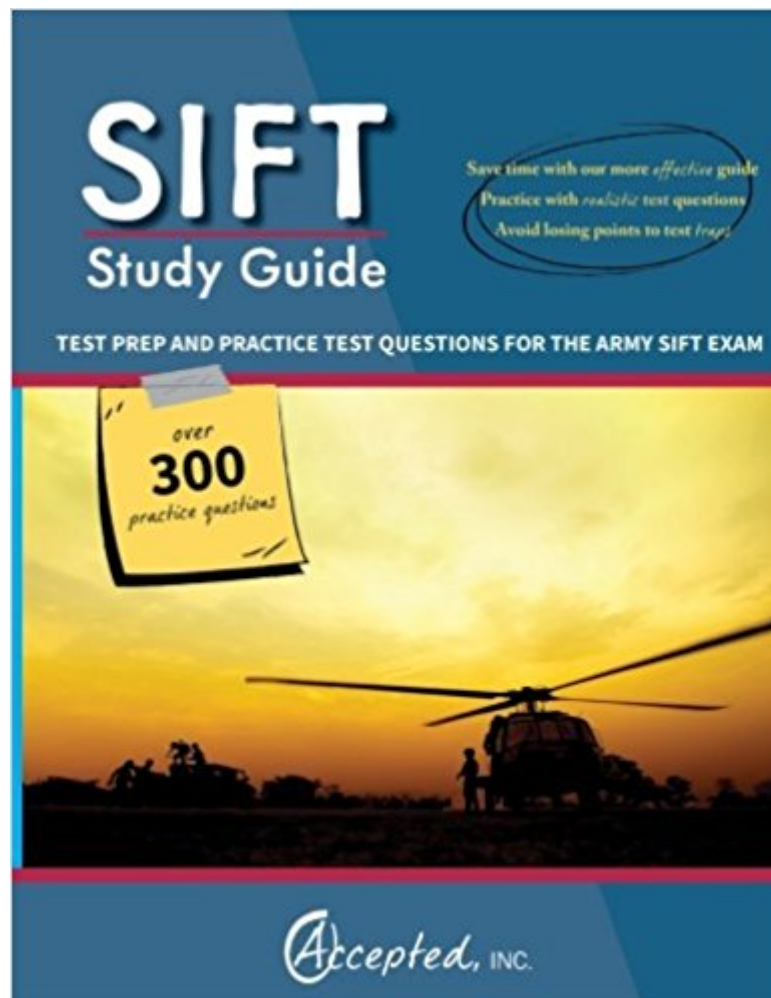




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# SIFT Study Guide: Test Prep And Practice Questions For The Army SIFT Exam



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Accepted, Inc.'s SIFT study guide provides the information, insider tips, and confidence you need to score higher on the SIFT. Our SIFT guide provides a comprehensive, easy-to-understand review of all tested concepts, with example questions covering each and every section of the SIFT exam. Accepted, Inc.'s SIFT guide also includes a full practice test, to ensure that you master the material. Best of all, our study guide is streamlined and concept-driven, guaranteeing you'll get better results through shorter, more effective study time. Accepted, Inc. gives you "everything you need to know" in a concise, comprehensive, and effective package.

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## Customer Reviews

I wanted to leave a comment because when I was looking for SIFT study materials I did not find much online. I heard that this test was designed so that you could not prepare for it. This is untrue to an extent. I do have a background in science/math (BA in biology), so I did take physics I & II and math courses through calculus II... But I am NOT an engineer nor am I that talented at physics. I ended up scoring a 69, which is ~97th percentile (mean=50, SD=10). I wanted to share what I did to study in hopes that it will help someone like myself who was frustrated with the lack of resources. Educate yourself on Bernoulli's principle, Newton's three laws, and the Venturi effect (and understand how they affect helicopter aerodynamics). Read as much of this SIFT study exam as you have time for. Work the most on your weaknesses (mine were the Army Aviation Information and Mechanical Comprehension sections). Take every exam in this study guide and make flash

cards for the questions you missed. The tips in the Hidden Figures and Spatial Apperception sections were extremely helpful and I believe that I was able to get every question correct on the exam as a result. I did notice on the exam that there were several questions in the Army Aviation Information section related to FAA guidelines... I had to guess on them but I was told after the exam by other test takers that the FAA guideline docs are available free online and are another great resource for learning. One more thing: watch YouTube videos on all this stuff!! I HIGHLY recommend watching the first three lectures of the following online course: "Mod-01 Lec-01 Introduction to Helicopter Aerodynamics and Dynamics." I learned so much about helicopter components and aerodynamics just by watching. Hope this helps someone else! -Diana

This was a great guide! Honestly, the SIFT is mostly logic and problem solving. I'm a Cadet studying Russian Language and Literature, never flew before, and barely skimmed through the FM for helicopter flight. It's not as difficult as I thought it would be. I only studied about four or five days for it because I was in a rush to turn in my packet. However, I'm pretty sure that without this guide I wouldn't have done nearly as well. If you're planning on taking the SIFT, buy this! Although keep in mind that there are some small grammar and spelling errors but nothing that should detract from the learning experience.

Section 1: Don't think, just click as fast as you can. It's free points so just capitalize on it. I was able to get them all, pretty sure I made a mistake on a few, but that didn't really hurt me.

Section 2: Honestly, if you spend more than 10 or 15 seconds on any, just guess and move on. There are easy and hard ones dispersed in between. Try to get through them. The SIFT study guide ones are easy as hell so they aren't a good indicator for you.

Section 3: Study, study, study. Again, this portion is more logical than you think. If your bird is going down and it has engaged autorotation, what do you do in order to not crash? Using base knowledge of flight controls, you should be able to answer it. But there are some questions that they rip right out of the book as well, so if you've really sat down for a week and did nothing but study the FM, you will pass with flying colors.

Section 4: The study guide was a HUGE help, pretty sure I got perfect on it. Bare in mind that the test itself has really terrible resolution for the planes so you have to look very carefully. Other than that, do the practices for this once, understand what it's teaching and you should be good.

Section 5: No way to study for this, just do your best. You can take some SAT practices, but take the practice test here, see what you did wrong and try to understand it.

Section 6: This is all you. If you stay for the full 40 minutes, you did well. If it cuts you off, then you either did perfect and it's moving on or you just failed too many times and it's given up on you. Logic, problem solving, basic arithmetic, with lots of high level algebra.

Section 7: The study guide is a perfect job at

this, just study every law and principle that it says in here until you know it perfectly. Understand how all these affect a helicopter and you'll do fine. Overall, this test is study-able, but most of it is your own ability to look outside the box. Nothing here is hand fed, it's a lot of intricate questions that you can use very basic knowledge to complete. My study process: 1. Read this SIFT Study Guide 2. Read the FAA Manual 3. Take practice tests from the Barron's Military Flight Test book My score: 69

My background: English major, maybe 70 hours in fixed-wing flight time, and studied for about a month before the test. This guide will prepare you very well for the SIFT. I got a 64. Like everyone else said, study the FAA Handbook in addition. There was at least one airspace class question, a few flight condition questions (i.e., how will the rotorcraft react in x conditions), and some physiology questions. I also studied the Dummies guide, but it's not necessary unless you really want to brush up on your math and/or mechanics (read: you \*need to\* study for your weakest areas); otherwise, if you have a background in math or physics, or have recently studied for and taken the ASVAB, you'll be good. The Dummies guide will help you "sift" your way through all military flight programs if you're interested in other branches, but this one is great for specifically the SIFT. Simple Drawings was a breeze, just pound through 'em and try to get as many done as possible. Hidden Figures was a pain and it was pretty tough for me, but it's a hard thing to study for. If anything, this guide will help you familiarize yourself with the format of it. Reading Comp is Reading Comp, just like any other military or civilian education test. You'll have a lot of time to go through all the paragraphs though. This guide will help you familiarize yourself with it. Spatial Apperception is exactly the same as the ASTB. It looks like little T-34C airplanes in the drawings. This guide has a similar aircraft. The only problem that I had with this guide is that it's littered with typos and formatting errors. I think it's just the English major in me, but there was maybe one or two math problems that I had to double, triple, and quadruple check. For the most part, the guide is great. But since I knew that I would need the most help that I could get, I went through this thing from cover to cover, so I noticed them. Maybe someone else can confirm this because I didn't read it in any of the reviews. Anyway, this guide is still a great resource and you should buy it if you're serious about taking the test. Just supplement it with the FAA Handbook, though I wouldn't go crazy with it. Some folks say that you should go through the aeronautic physics portion (the first few chapters), but if you're crunched for time, I would focus on airspace and physiology. Maybe a basic understanding of Weight and Balance. Know the characteristics of each of the airspaces. (Also, if you're military, don't forget that you can access the Peterson's DOD Library to supplement your studying. It helps.) Good luck!

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