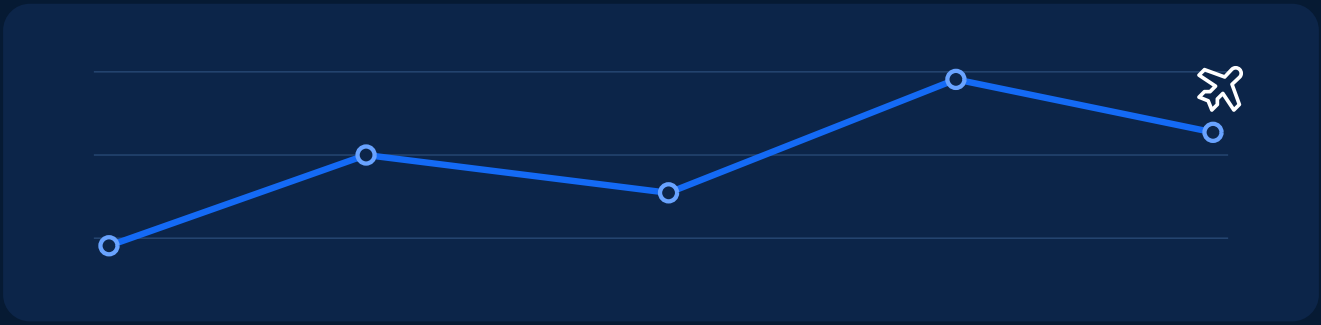
YOUR PILOT INTERVIEW

The Airline Interview Preparation Checklist

4-Week Preparation Plan + 20 Must-Know Questions with Examiner-Ready Answers



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This PDF contains 20 real questions extracted from the YPI question bank. Each answer is structured the way airline examiners expect: precise, operational, and safety-first.

These are not generic tips — they are the exact kind of structured responses that get candidates through selection.

SECTION 01

Your 4-Week Preparation Plan

Most airline selection processes follow a predictable structure. Whether you have 4 weeks or 4 months, this framework keeps your preparation focused, structured, and repeatable — like a flight.

WEEK 1 — BRIEF

Know what you're preparing for.

- Research the airline: fleet, routes, values, recent news, financial health.
- Identify the assessment structure: HR interview, technical, simulator, group exercise.
- Gather your documents: logbook summary, CV, licence, medical, references.
- Set up your revision schedule: 1-2 hours per day, 5 days per week.
- Action: Write down the top 10 things the airline values. You will need these for HR answers.

WEEK 2 — REFRESH

Rebuild your technical foundation.

- Performance: V-speeds, takeoff segments, balanced field length, climb gradients.
- Meteorology: fronts, icing, turbulence, TAF/METAR decoding.
- Aircraft systems: hydraulics, electrics, pneumatics, fuel — focus on your type.
- Regulations: EASA OPS, flight time limitations, MEL/CDL basics.
- Action: Answer 10 technical questions per day from the YPI question bank.

SECTION 01

Your 4-Week Preparation Plan

WEEK 3 — EXECUTE

Practice answering under realistic conditions.

- Record yourself answering HR questions out loud. Aim for 90-120 seconds per answer.
- Use the STAR method (Situation, Task, Action, Result) for every competency question.
- Prepare 6-8 strong personal examples covering: leadership, conflict, error management, teamwork, pressure, adaptability.
- Practice mental maths: descent rates, fuel calculations, time/speed/distance.
- Action: Do at least one full mock interview with a friend or colleague.

WEEK 4 — DEBRIEF

Refine, review, rest.

- Review your weak areas. Revisit questions you got wrong or felt unsure about.
- Re-read the airline-specific assessment guide (if available on YPI).
- Prepare your outfit, documents, and logistics for assessment day.
- Rest the day before. Fatigue management starts with your own preparation.
- Action: Read through your prepared STAR examples one final time. Then stop studying.

SECTION 02 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

These questions test your understanding of core ATPL subjects at interview depth — not textbook depth. Examiners want clear, concise explanations that show operational understanding.

Q01 PERFORMANCE

What is balanced V_1 and why does it matter?

MODEL ANSWER

Balanced V_1 is the decision speed at which the Take-Off Distance Required (TODR) equals the Accelerate-Stop Distance Required (ASDR). At this speed, whether you continue or reject the takeoff after an engine failure, the distance required is the same.

This defines the balanced field length — the minimum runway length needed for a given takeoff weight. A lower V_1 increases TODR (more distance to accelerate on one engine), while a higher V_1 increases ASDR (more energy to absorb during a rejected takeoff).

Balanced V_1 optimises field-length-limited performance. It is important to remember that V_1 is the latest point to initiate a rejected takeoff — not to complete it. The recognition and reaction time means the aircraft may not stop within ASDR if the failure occurs exactly at V_1.

EXAMINER TIP

Don't just define it — explain the trade-off. Examiners want to see you understand why V_1 is a compromise, not just a number.

SECTION 02 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Q02 PERFORMANCE

What are the four takeoff segments after an engine failure?

MODEL ANSWER

FIRST SEGMENT:	from screen height (35 ft) to gear fully retracted. The aircraft accelerates with gear still down. Minimum gradient must be positive (twin-engine).
SECOND SEGMENT:	from gear up to acceleration altitude (minimum 400 ft AAL). Flaps remain in takeoff configuration, speed is maintained at V_2. This is typically the most critical segment — minimum required gradient is 2.4% for twins.
THIRD SEGMENT:	the acceleration segment. The aircraft accelerates from V_2 to final segment speed while retracting flaps and slats. This is considered a level flight segment for certification.
FOURTH SEGMENT:	from clean configuration to 1,500 ft AAL or minimum safe altitude. Minimum required gradient is 1.2% for twin-engine aircraft. Climb continues at reduced thrust.

EXAMINER TIP

Know the minimum gradients by heart: positive / 2.4% / level acceleration / 1.2% for twins. Examiners love asking for the specific numbers.

SECTION 02 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Q03 METEOROLOGY

Explain the difference between a warm front and a cold front, and the associated weather.

MODEL ANSWER

WARM FRONT

A warm front occurs when a warm air mass advances and rides up over a retreating cold air mass. The frontal slope is gentle (typically 1:150), producing extensive cloud cover — usually a sequence of cirrus, cirrostratus, altostratus, nimbostratus — with prolonged, steady precipitation. Visibility deteriorates gradually. Conditions can persist for hundreds of kilometres ahead of the surface front.

COLD FRONT

A cold front occurs when a cold air mass undercuts and lifts a warm air mass. The frontal slope is much steeper (typically 1:50), producing a narrow band of intense weather — cumulonimbus, heavy showers, possible thunderstorms, turbulence, and windshear. The weather band is narrower but more violent. After passage, conditions typically improve rapidly with clearing skies and improved visibility.

From a pilot's perspective, cold fronts require caution for embedded CBs, windshear on approach, and rapid weather changes. Warm fronts are more about planning for extended low visibility, low ceilings, and potential icing in the cloud layers.

EXAMINER TIP

Always connect the theory to operational impact. 'What does this mean for the flight?' is the question behind the question.

SECTION 02 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Q04 PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT

What is the relationship between angle of attack and stall speed?

MODEL ANSWER

An aircraft stalls when it exceeds its critical angle of attack — the angle at which airflow over the wing separates and lift decreases dramatically. This is typically around 15-18 degrees for most transport category aircraft.

The critical angle of attack is constant regardless of weight, speed, or bank angle. However, the speed at which the aircraft reaches this critical angle varies. A heavier aircraft needs more lift, which means it must fly faster (or at a higher angle of attack) to generate that lift — resulting in a higher stall speed.

In a turn, the load factor increases (e.g., 1.41g at 45° bank), which also increases stall speed. The stall speed increases by the square root of the load factor. At 60° of bank (2g load factor), the stall speed increases by approximately 41%.

EXAMINER TIP

The key point examiners want to hear: a wing always stalls at the same angle of attack, but the speed at which it reaches that angle depends on weight, load factor, and configuration.

SECTION 02 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

Q05 AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

How does the bleed air system work and what are its primary uses?

MODEL ANSWER

Bleed air is high-pressure, high-temperature air extracted from the compressor stages of the engines (typically from the intermediate or high-pressure stages, depending on demand). On most modern aircraft, it can also be supplied by the APU.

Primary uses include: cabin pressurisation and air conditioning (through air cycle machines or packs), engine starting (cross-bleed start), wing and engine anti-icing (thermal anti-ice), hydraulic reservoir pressurisation, and water tank pressurisation.

Bleed air extraction reduces engine performance because it removes air that would otherwise contribute to thrust. This is why bleed air use is factored into takeoff performance calculations — and why pilots may select engine anti-ice OFF when it is not required, particularly during takeoff on performance-limited runways.

On newer aircraft like the Boeing 787, bleed air has been replaced with an electric architecture for most functions, improving fuel efficiency.

EXAMINER TIP

Mention the performance impact of bleed air — it shows you think operationally, not just theoretically.

SECTION 03 HR & COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

Use the STAR method (Situation, Task, Action, Result) for every behavioural answer. Keep each answer under 2 minutes. Be specific — vague answers score poorly.

Q06 HR — SELF-INTRODUCTION

Can you walk us through your background and what brought you to aviation?

MODEL ANSWER

This is usually the opening question. Recruiters assess clarity of thought, communication skills, and motivation — not just your CV timeline.

Structure your answer in 3 parts: (1) Brief personal/academic background. (2) What drew you to aviation and how you pursued it. (3) Where you are now and why you're applying to this specific airline.

Keep it under 2 minutes. End by linking your experience to the airline's values or growth plans — this shows genuine research and motivation.

DON'T

Recite your CV chronologically. Don't start with your childhood. Don't ramble past 2 minutes.

EXAMINER TIP

Practise this answer until it flows naturally. It sets the tone for the entire interview — a strong opener builds examiner confidence in you.

SECTION 03 HR & COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

Q07 HR — CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Tell me about a time you disagreed with your captain.

MODEL ANSWER

This question assesses your assertiveness, CRM skills, and ability to maintain safety while respecting authority. The examiner wants evidence that you can speak up professionally when it matters.

Example STAR structure:

SITUATION:	During a night approach into [airport], the captain was continuing an unstabilised approach below 1,000 ft — speed was 15 knots above Vapp with a high rate of descent.
TASK:	As the monitoring pilot, my responsibility was to call out the deviation and, if necessary, call for a go-around.
ACTION:	I made a clear callout: 'Speed plus 15, sink rate — I recommend go-around.' When there was no immediate response, I repeated: 'Captain, I strongly recommend go-around, approach is not stabilised.' The captain initiated the go-around.
RESULT:	We flew a second approach, which was stable and uneventful. During the debrief, the captain thanked me for the callout and we discussed what led to the destabilisation. No tension, no ego — just professional CRM.

EXAMINER TIP

Never badmouth a captain. The answer must show assertiveness AND respect for authority. The go-around is always the right answer when in doubt.

SECTION 03 HR & COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

Q08 HR — STRESS MANAGEMENT

How do you handle pressure and high-stress situations?

MODEL ANSWER

The examiner is not looking for 'I thrive under pressure.' They want a concrete, structured approach to managing stress operationally.

A strong answer covers three levels:

1	Prevention: Adequate rest, thorough briefing, and preparation reduce the chance of being overwhelmed. I always brief possible complications before departure — if I've already considered a scenario, it's not a surprise when it happens.
2	In the moment: I rely on SOPs and task prioritisation. Aviate, navigate, communicate — in that order. When workload peaks, I focus on what needs to happen now versus what can wait. I also use verbalisation: saying my plan out loud helps me stay structured and allows the other crew member to cross-check my thinking.
3	After the event: I debrief — both with the crew and internally. What went well? What could have been handled differently? This builds resilience and preparedness for next time.

EXAMINER TIP

Give a real example if possible. Abstract answers score lower than specific, lived examples.

SECTION 03 HR & COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

Q09 HR — MOTIVATION

Why do you want to work for this airline specifically?

MODEL ANSWER

This is where preparation separates strong candidates from average ones. A generic answer ('great company, nice fleet') will not score well.

Your answer should reference at least 3 specific elements:

1. Something about the airline's operations that appeals to you (route network, fleet type, operational model — e.g., 'Your short-haul European network with high sector count matches the kind of dynamic flying environment I enjoy').

2. Something about their culture or values (training philosophy, safety culture, crew feedback systems — be specific, reference their website or annual report).

3. Something about your career fit ('I'm looking for a carrier where I can develop long-term, and your internal promotion structure aligns with my goal of eventually transitioning to the left seat within the company').

EXAMINER TIP

Research the airline thoroughly. Read their annual report, their latest fleet orders, their CEO's public statements. Mentioning something specific that others won't know gives you an immediate edge.

SECTION 03 HR & COMPETENCY QUESTIONS

Q10 HR — WEAKNESS

What is your greatest weakness?

MODEL ANSWER

This question is a trap only if you give a fake answer ('I'm a perfectionist') or a genuinely disqualifying one ('I struggle with authority'). The examiner wants self-awareness and evidence of growth.

A strong structure:

1. Name a real but non-critical weakness (not related to safety, not related to core pilot competencies).

2. Explain what you've done to address it — specific actions, not vague intentions.

3. Show the result — how you've improved.

Example: 'Earlier in my career, I tended to over-prepare briefings — I would include too much detail, which sometimes slowed down the flow in a multi-crew environment. I realised this after feedback from a training captain. Since then, I've focused on concise, relevant briefings that prioritise key threats and operational points. The feedback I get now is that my briefings are clear and focused.'

EXAMINER TIP

The examiner is scoring your self-awareness, not your weakness itself. Show that you can identify, acknowledge, and fix things — that's exactly what they want from a line pilot.

SECTION 04 OPERATIONAL DECISION-MAKING

These questions test how you think through real-world scenarios. There is rarely one 'correct' answer — examiners assess your reasoning process, use of SOPs, and crew coordination.

Q11 OPERATIONS

You're on approach and become unstabilised at 800 ft. The captain is flying. What do you do?

MODEL ANSWER

The answer is straightforward: call for a go-around. Most airline SOPs mandate a stabilised approach by 1,000 ft in IMC and 500 ft in VMC. At 800 ft, if the approach is not stabilised, the only correct action is to discontinue.

As the pilot monitoring, I would make a clear callout: 'Not stabilised — go around.' If the flying pilot does not respond or initiate the go-around within a few seconds, I would repeat with increased assertiveness: 'Captain, go around, I say again, go around.'

If the captain still does not respond, depending on the situation and company SOPs, the pilot monitoring may take control if safety is compromised.

After the go-around and during a stable phase of flight, I would discuss the approach with the captain in a professional, non-confrontational way. The debrief is essential — not to assign blame, but to understand what happened and prevent recurrence.

EXAMINER TIP

Never hesitate on this answer. Any version of 'it depends' or 'I would try to stabilise' is a red flag for examiners. The go-around is always the correct answer.

SECTION 04 OPERATIONAL DECISION-MAKING

Q12 OPERATIONS

How do you prepare for a flight to an unfamiliar airport?

MODEL ANSWER

Preparation for an unfamiliar airport starts well before the briefing. I would consult the following sources:

ROUTE MANUAL / JEPPESEN CHARTS:	Review the airport layout, available approaches (ILS, RNAV, VOR), any noise abatement procedures, and published NOTAMs. Pay attention to non-standard procedures — circling approaches, steep approaches, offset ILS.
COMPANY DOCUMENTATION:	Check if the airline has specific briefing notes for the airport (e.g., minimum equipment requirements, special crew briefings, known hazards).
TERRAIN AND ENVIRONMENT:	Assess terrain surrounding the airport, potential for windshear (mountainous terrain, coastal effects), and any known weather patterns (e.g., afternoon thunderstorms, frequent fog).
CREW BRIEFING:	During the flight, I would brief the approach in extra detail — including contingency plans (missed approach procedure, diversion options). If the other crew member has operated there before, I would ask for their operational insights.

EXAMINER TIP

This answer should demonstrate thoroughness without over-complication. Show that you use all available resources and that you brief threats proactively.

SECTION 04 OPERATIONAL DECISION-MAKING

Q13 OPERATIONS

During cruise, you receive a TCAS RA. What do you do?

MODEL ANSWER

A TCAS Resolution Advisory (RA) requires immediate and unambiguous action. The flying pilot follows the RA guidance — climb or descend as indicated by the vertical speed instruction on the VSI/PFD. No delay, no hesitation.

The pilot monitoring announces 'TCAS RA' to ATC and informs them that we are deviating from our assigned altitude. During the RA, ATC instructions for altitude or vertical rate are disregarded — the RA takes priority over ATC clearance.

Once the RA is resolved (typically a 'Clear of Conflict' annunciation), we return to our assigned altitude and report the event to ATC. The event is logged and reported through the company's safety reporting system.

KEY PRINCIPLE

never manoeuvre opposite to the RA, even if it feels counterintuitive. The TCAS systems on both aircraft are coordinated — if you receive a 'climb' RA, the other aircraft has received a 'descend' RA. Following the opposite instruction creates a collision risk.

EXAMINER TIP

Examiners want to hear the word 'immediately.' Any hesitation or mention of checking with ATC first is a major negative.

SECTION 04 OPERATIONAL DECISION-MAKING

Q14 OPERATIONS

Your fuel state is lower than planned at top of descent. What actions do you take?

MODEL ANSWER

First, assess the situation quantitatively. Compare actual fuel remaining against the planned fuel at this point. Determine how much below plan you are and calculate your expected landing fuel.

If expected landing fuel is above final reserve but below company minimum, I would: request a direct routing or shortcut from ATC to reduce track miles, request an optimum descent profile (continuous descent if possible), review the weather at destination and alternate to confirm they are still viable, and inform cabin crew of a possible short approach to reduce taxi time.

If expected landing fuel approaches final reserve fuel, this becomes a declared fuel emergency. I would: declare 'MAYDAY FUEL' to ATC, divert to the nearest suitable airport if landing fuel at destination would be below final reserve, and follow company fuel emergency procedures.

Throughout the process, I keep the other pilot informed and we make decisions together. Fuel management is a shared responsibility.

EXAMINER TIP

Show a structured escalation: monitor → conserve → declare. Examiners want to see that you don't jump to panic, but you also don't delay action.

SECTION 04 OPERATIONAL DECISION-MAKING

Q15 OPERATIONS

A passenger becomes seriously ill during flight. How do you handle it?

MODEL ANSWER

STEP 1:	Cabin crew inform the flight deck. I ask for specifics: nature of the illness, level of consciousness, whether there is a medical professional on board. Most airlines have a 'Is there a doctor on board?' PA protocol.
STEP 2:	Contact the company's ground-based medical service (most airlines subscribe to MedLink or similar). They provide real-time medical advice and can help decide whether diversion is necessary.
STEP 3:	Assess diversion options. Factors include: the severity of the medical situation (as advised by medical professionals on board or on the ground), proximity to suitable airports with medical facilities, fuel state, weather at diversion airports, and aircraft performance for the landing weight.
STEP 4:	Make the decision with the captain. If diversion is required, declare PAN PAN (or MAYDAY if the situation is life-threatening), request priority handling from ATC, brief the cabin crew, and coordinate with the destination airport for medical teams to meet the aircraft.
STEP 5:	Document everything. Times, symptoms, actions taken, medical advice received. This is critical for post-event reporting.

EXAMINER TIP

The examiner wants to see a structured decision-making process. Don't just say 'I'd divert' — show the steps that lead to the decision.

SECTION 05 SIMULATOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Simulator assessments evaluate trainability, CRM, and SOP discipline — not perfect flying. Examiners care more about how you manage problems than whether your ILS tracking is flawless.

Q16 SIMULATOR

What do examiners actually evaluate during a sim assessment?

MODEL ANSWER

The five core areas assessed in a simulator screening are:

1	SOP discipline: Do you follow standard operating procedures consistently? Callouts, flows, checklists — these are non-negotiable. Examiners notice when you skip or improvise.
2	CRM / crew coordination: How do you communicate with the other pilot? Do you brief clearly? Do you share workload? Do you maintain a sterile cockpit below 10,000 ft?
3	Workload management: Can you prioritise tasks when things go wrong? Aviate, navigate, communicate — in that order.
4	Decision-making: When presented with a failure or degraded situation, do you make safe, rational decisions? Do you consider all options before committing?
5	Manual handling (basic): Can you fly a stable approach and maintain reasonable parameters? Perfection is not expected — smooth, safe flying is.

WHAT EXAMINERS ARE NOT LOOKING FOR

perfect landings, encyclopaedic knowledge of an unfamiliar aircraft, or zero deviations. They want to see a trainable pilot who communicates well and flies safely.

EXAMINER TIP

If you make a mistake in the sim, acknowledge it out loud and correct it. Examiners reward error management far more than error-free flying.

SECTION 05 SIMULATOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Q17 SIMULATOR

What must be your first action when you encounter a failure in flight?

MODEL ANSWER

The golden rule is: Fly, Navigate, Communicate — in that order. This priority sequence applies to every failure, every abnormal situation, without exception.

FLY:	The first priority is always to maintain control of the aircraft. Ensure the aircraft is in a safe flight path — correct attitude, correct speed, correct configuration. Nothing else matters until the aircraft is flying safely. The pilot flying must remain focused on this task.
NAVIGATE:	Once the aircraft is under control, ensure you know where you are, where you are going, and that your trajectory is safe — terrain clearance, traffic separation, and obstacle awareness. If needed, request vectors or switch to a holding pattern to buy time.
COMMUNICATE:	Only after the first two priorities are secured, communicate with ATC, the cabin crew, and the company as appropriate. Declare the situation (PAN PAN or MAYDAY), request priority if needed.

Task sharing is essential: The pilot flying focuses on flying the aircraft. The pilot monitoring handles checklists, communications, and ECAM/EICAS actions. Clear task allocation prevents both pilots from being absorbed by the failure and neglecting the flight path — which is the number one cause of loss of control in abnormal situations.

Only once the aircraft is safely flying and the crew is organised should the failure identification and resolution procedures begin.

EXAMINER TIP

This is arguably the most important principle in airline operations. Examiners want to hear 'Fly, Navigate, Communicate' immediately — any answer that starts with diagnosing the failure is a red flag.

SECTION 05 SIMULATOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Q18 SIMULATOR

How should you brief an approach during a sim assessment?

MODEL ANSWER

A well-structured approach briefing demonstrates professionalism, situational awareness, and SOP discipline — three things examiners score highly. A poor or skipped briefing is one of the fastest ways to lose points.

A standard approach briefing should cover:

1	The approach type and runway: 'We will fly the ILS approach runway 27L.' State the approach type, runway, and any particularities (e.g., offset localiser, steep approach, circling).
2	Key altitudes and speeds: Initial approach fix altitude, glideslope intercept altitude, decision altitude (DA) or minimum descent altitude (MDA), and the target approach speed (Vapp + corrections).
3	Go-around procedure: The missed approach procedure — heading, altitude, any specific turns or holds. This is often forgotten under pressure, and examiners notice.
4	Threats and mitigations: Known threats for this approach — terrain, weather, windshear reports, short runway, contaminated surface. For each threat, state the mitigation: 'Windshear reported on final — if we get a windshear warning, I will apply the escape manoeuvre immediately.'
5	Task allocation: Who is flying, who is monitoring. What the monitoring pilot should prioritise (e.g., 'Call out any deviation from the localiser or glideslope').

Keep it concise — 60 to 90 seconds maximum. A briefing that takes 5 minutes is not a good briefing; it is a lecture.

EXAMINER TIP

In a sim assessment, the briefing is your chance to show the examiner how you think before you fly. A structured briefing builds their confidence in you before you even touch the controls.

SECTION 05 SIMULATOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Q19 SIMULATOR

Why should you memorise pitch and power settings for your aircraft type before a sim assessment?

MODEL ANSWER

In a sim assessment, you may be asked to fly raw data — no autopilot, no flight director. If you don't have approximate pitch and power settings in mind, you will spend the entire approach chasing the needles with large corrections, which looks unprofessional and leads to an unstable approach.

Having baseline values memorised gives you a starting point. You set the pitch and power, the aircraft stabilises, and then you make small corrections. This is the difference between a smooth, controlled approach and a stressful oscillation around the glideslope.

Before your assessment, you should know the approximate values for your aircraft type in the following configurations:

CHECK:	Level flight, clean configuration: pitch ____ °, N1/EPR ____
CHECK:	Approach, landing configuration (e.g., Conf Full / Flaps 30): pitch ____ °, N1/EPR ____
CHECK:	Go-around initial pitch target: ____ °

[These values are aircraft-specific. Fill them in based on your type rating and the aircraft you will fly during the assessment. Ask an instructor or training captain if you are unsure — this is not something to guess.]

KEY PRINCIPLE

set the pitch and power, then wait. The instruments will respond. Over-controlling is the most common error in manual approaches — particularly for pilots who are used to flying with the autopilot engaged.

EXAMINER TIP

Having these numbers ready shows the examiner that you prepared seriously. Even approximate values demonstrate homework. Not having them shows the opposite.

SECTION 05 SIMULATOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Q20 SIMULATOR

During the sim assessment, you make an error. How do you handle it?

MODEL ANSWER

Acknowledge it immediately — out loud. Say something like: 'I've deviated from the profile, I'm correcting now.' This shows situational awareness and honesty.

Correct the error using standard procedures. If you've deviated from the localiser, make a smooth correction back. If you've missed a callout, make it now and move on.

Do not dwell on it. A common trap is that candidates make one small error and then spiral — their concentration breaks, they make more errors, and the whole assessment unravels. One mistake does not fail you. A cascade of mistakes does.

After the sim, during the debrief, mention the error proactively: 'I noticed I was late on the callout at [point]. In hindsight, I think the workload peak from [event] was the cause, and I should have prioritised differently.' This demonstrates exactly the self-awareness and learning attitude that airlines look for.

EXAMINER TIP

Examiners expect errors. They are assessing how you recover, not whether you're perfect. The best candidates are the ones who manage errors well, not the ones who pretend they didn't happen.

WHAT'S NEXT

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