**3-Step RAF Aptitude Test Cheatsheet**

**"I hate doing online tests. Why do I have to do them?"**

This is probably the most common complaint I hear from candidates and I genuinely sympathise. For many people online aptitude tests are unpleasant and stressful. In my experience candidates hate doing online tests like numerical and verbal reasoning but I'm afraid they are here are stay.

Every big employer now uses some form of online testing to screen candidates and the RAF are no different. Why do they do this? Because it saves them a lot of time and energy. Their attitude is basically: "Why bother committing resources & people to something that can be automated online?"

What that means to you is **you must prove you have the raw intelligence and skills required before the company will even engage with you.** It's a brutal, but effective way of sorting the wheat from the chaff and that’s why I don't think anything will change in the near future. So I’m afraid these tests are here to stay! (For now, at least.)

Note that many candidates have to do online aptitude tests both **before** and **during** their assessment day.

**Ok, let’s look at how to pass the tests.**

**STEP 1) Brush up on the fundamentals.**

For some of you, it will have been a while since you flexed your Maths or English muscles. It’s time to brush up.

I always recommend that all candidates buy a GCSE Maths and English study guide and spend a few hours brushing up on the basics. **Trust me, you’ll be amazed at what you’ve forgotten.**

**Buy 2 study guides, one for English, one for Maths.**

**STEP 2) Practise like a demon.**Nothing will improve your performance on the day more than practising the skills that will be required and increasing your familiarity with the test format and competencies.

**[YOU CAN PRACTISE AN AST TEST HERE](http://www.jobtestprep.net/affiliates/traffic.php?id=21_351_3_404" \t "_blank)**

(Note this practice test isn’t free but it’s a must if you’re serious about delivering your best possible performance during the AST.)

## RAF aptitude test – Officers, Non-Commissioned Aircrew and Non-Commissioned Air Traffic Controllers

Successful applicants for Officer, Non-Commissioned Aircrew & Non-Commissioned Air Traffic Controllers spend up to 4 days at the OASC (Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre).

During your time at the OASC you’ll perform several aptitude tests on a computer. The tests will obviously vary depending on the branch of choice.

**[CLICK HERE TO PRACTISE THE OASC-LEVEL PSYCHOMETRIC APTITUDE TESTS >>](http://www.jobtestprep.net/affiliates/traffic.php?id=21_351_3_404" \t "_blank)**

**Practise at least 1 hour a day, for 7 days prior to your real test.**

**STEP 3) Prepare for success.**
If there’s one thing that I’ve noticed over the years, ONE trait that separates successful candidates from unsuccessful ones, it is preparation. Successful candidates are always better prepared than unsuccessful ones. That’s an objective fact.

You can’t do too much preparation. If you’re serious about getting the job, you need to make it your job to prepare. Treat your preparation as a full-time job in itself. You should aim to spend at least 8-12 hours a week on your preparation.

**Invest time & energy in your future: Make preparation your ‘job’.**

You can find tons of preparation tips on my site and of course you can go deep with my [Ultimate Assessment Day & Interview Guide](http://www.assessmentcentrehq.com/ultimate-guide-tcb/).

To your success!

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