

These questions were added to the USCG data base of exam questions sometime in early 1999. It is interesting to note the types of things the USCG feels professional mariners should know about GPS. We would add one that read something like "How do you know it is right?" and the answer would be "B" You don't. Note especially question no. 724. — Starpath, 9.10.1999

BOOK 3 NEW QUESTIONS ON GPS

173. When using GPS (Global Positioning System) you may expect your position to be accurate 95% of the time to within a radius of _____.

- A. 10 meters
- B. 20 meters
- C. 50 meters
- D. 100 meters

ANSWER: D

200. When navigating using DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) you may expect your position to be accurate to within a radius of _____.

- A. 10 meters
- B. 20 meters
- C. 50 meters
- D. 100 meters

ANSWER: A

213. When using GPS, how many position lines are required for a 2D (dimensional) fix?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

ANSWER: C

249. When using GPS, how many position lines are required for a 3D (dimensional) fix that takes into account altitude?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

ANSWER: D

518. The modified civilian system that approaches military precision in global positioning is called _____.

- A. DGPS
- B. CGPS
- C. PGPS
- D. GPS

ANSWER: A

635. A low HDOP (Horizontal Dilution of Precision) number such as 2 indicates a _____.

- A. poor fix
- B. good fix
- C. poor signal quality
- D. good signal quality

ANSWER: B

724. Which statement concerning GPS is TRUE?

- A. It cannot be used in all parts of the world.
- B. There are 12 functioning GPS satellites at present.
- C. It may be suspended without warning.
- D. Two position lines are used to give a 2D fix.

ANSWER: C

738. Most GPS receivers use the doppler shift of the carrier phase to compute _____.

- A. Latitude
- B. Longitude
- C. Speed
- D. Time

ANSWER: C

790. The theory of the Transit satellite system is based on calculating _____.

- A. the distance from one satellite to a receiver
- B. the doppler effect (frequency shift) as one satellite crosses the sky
- C. the distance from multiple satellites to a receiver
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

769. What does not contribute to the commercial GPS receiver position error?

- A. Satellite clock
- B. Ship's speed
- C. Atmospheric/ionospheric propagation
- D. Receiver

ANSWER: B