

**Aviation English Test 32
(Tupolev TU144-1)**

Choose the best answer for each question.

1- Which aircraft took to the skies first, the Tu-144 or the Concorde?

- a) Tupolev Tu-144
- b) Concorde
- c) They took off simultaneously.

2- What was the nickname given to the Tu-144 ?

- a) The Metal Eagle
- b) The Supersonic Swan
- c) The Concordski

3- What unique design feature did the Tu-144 possess that the Concorde lacked?

- a) Variable-sweep wings
- b) A pivoting nose cone
- c) Dual vertical stabilizers

4- True or False: The Tu-144 carried passengers on scheduled commercial flights for several years.

- a) True
- b) False

5- What unfortunate event significantly tarnished the Tu-144's reputation during its early development?

- a) Multiple engine failures
- b) A mid-air collision
- c) A fatal crash at an air show

6- What was the primary reason for the Tu-144's eventual retirement from commercial service?

- a) High operating costs
- b) Environmental concerns
- c) Insufficient passenger demand

7- How many production models of the Tu-144 were ever built?

- a) 13
- b) 17
- c) 24

8- Which Tu-144 variant held the record for the longest supersonic flight by a passenger aircraft?

- a) Tu-144S
- b) Tu-144D
- c) Tu-144LL

9- Which museum currently houses the largest collection of Tu-144 aircraft?

- a) Smithsonian Air and Space Museum
- b) Museum of Aviation Technology in Monino
- c) Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt

10- What lasting legacy did the Tu-144 leave behind in the world of aviation?

- a) Pioneering supersonic passenger travel
- b) Advancement of aerodynamics and engine technology
- c) Influencing the design of future civilian and military aircraft

Answers:

1. a) Tupolev Tu-144
(31 Dec. 1968, by two months)
2. c) The Concorde
3. c) Dual vertical stabilizers
4. b) False (limited commercial flights occurred later)
5. c) A fatal crash at an air show (Paris Air Show, 1973)
6. a) High operating costs
7. b) 17
8. a) Tu-144S
9. b) Museum of Aviation Technology in Monino
10. b) Advancement of aerodynamics and engine technology