CORRESPONDENCE

METEOROLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS - EAST SALE

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The R.A.A.F. trainees at East Sale often complain about the standard of the meteorological examinations set by this office - one particular course considered that we don't ask the right type of question. As proof, they submitted their own exam paper, which is as follows:

METEOROLOGY EXAMINATION

MARKS 100

TIME: if ELR > SALR, 2 hrs.

(if not, still 2 hours)

Ques. 1. "Every time it rains, it rains pennies from heaven" Why? (20 marks)

Ques. 2. How long will it be till the clouds roll by? (10 marks)

Ques. 3. "Red sky at night is a shepherd's delight". Discuss (10 marks)

Ques. 4. What do they do on a rainy night in F10? (20 black marks)

Ques. 5. Every cloud has a silver lining. Explain, using an aerological diagram. (10 marks)

Ques. 6. List briefly and describe:
   i. The four winds and the seven seas
   ii. Blue Moon
   iii. Stardust
   iv. Stormy Weather
   v. Trade Winds (20 marks)

Ques. 7. It aint gunna rain no more no more - reconcile this to your stay in Sale. (10 marks)

Ques. 8. What would you do with the following cross country forecast? (100 marks deducted if you answer).

SYNOPTIC SITUATION
The hollow winds begin to blow,
The clouds look black, the glass is low,
The soot falls down, the spaniels sleep,
The spiders from their cobwebs creep.
Last night the sun went pale to bed,
The moon in haloes id e ead,
The boding shepherd heaves a sigh,
For see! a rainbow spans the sky.
INTERJECTION BY C.N.I.

Despite all this, come what may,
S.A.N. will fly to-day:
Loud quack the ducks, the peacocks cry,
The distant hills are looking nigh,
Puss on the hearth, with velvet paws,
Sits wiping o'er her whiskered jaws;...

INTERJECTION All this may be very right,
But S.A.N. WILL FLY TONIGHT.

Note - S.A.N. = School of Air Navigation,