

TSA CBT Test

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Test format

- English Proficiency — grammar, vocabulary, prepositions, spelling.
- X-Ray Object Recognition — identify prohibited items in luggage.

Study focus (what actually moves your score)

- X-ray colour code: orange = organic, blue-green = inorganic, near-black = dense metal.
- Learn the silhouettes of common prohibited items: knives, firearms, IEDs, batteries.
- Prepositions: onto, into, from, by — practice sentence-level correctness.
- Common spelling patterns: double-consonant words (professional, occurred).
- Procedure: when in doubt, escalate to a supervisor / bag check — never act unilaterally.

One-week study plan

- Day 1: timed CBT diagnostic.
- Days 2–4: 20 minutes English + 20 minutes X-ray drills daily.
- Days 5–7: full timed sets, then review every wrong answer.

Test day

- Verify your TSA appointment confirmation and government ID.
- On the X-ray section, scan for silhouette + colour, not detail.
- On procedure questions, choose the answer that follows protocol.