Private Pilot Maneuvers Cheat Sheet

Normal Takeoff Procedure

Once cleared for takeoff

- Mixture RICH
- Light switches all ON
- Fuel pump ON
- Align with centerline
- Note wind and adjust ailerons as necessary (Ailerons into the wind!)
- Heels on the ground (off the brakes!)
- Apply full power smoothly
- Maintain centerline with rudder
- Rotate at Vr and climb at Vy
- Climb checklist at safe altitude ~1000' AGL

The Four Flight Fundamentals:

Climb

- Power FULL
- Pitch SET (About 2 fingers below the horizon)
- Trim as necessary

Level-Off From Climb

- Pitch SET (About 4 fingers below the horizon)
- Power Reduce to 2200-2400 RPM **after** airplane accelerates
- Trim as necessary

Descent

- Power Reduce to 1500-1700 RPM
- Pitch SET (About 6 fingers below the horizon)
- Trim as necessary
- Adjust power/pitch so rate of descent is 500FPM

Level-Off From Descent

- *Power 2200-2400 RPM
- *Pitch SET (About 4 fingers below the horizon)
- Trim as necessary
 - *Simultaneously

Slow Flight

- Pre-maneuver checklist:
 - Fuel pump ON
 - o Lights ON
 - o Mixture RICH
 - Clearing turns
- Note altitude/heading and pick an outside reference point
- Reduce power to 1500-1700 RPM
- Maintain altitude by applying INCREASING back pressure
- Extend flaps once in the white arc
- Pitch for airspeed
- Power for altitude
- Maintain 50-55 knots
- Rudder/Power as necessary to maintain heading/altitude
- Turns no more than 10° bank
- Recovery:
 - Power FULL forward
 - o Pitch down to accelerate
 - Flaps retract in increments
- Power-off stall:
 - o Reduce power to 1500-1700 RPM
 - Establish stabilized descent while maintaining airspeed/heading, after 100' descent:
 - o Power IDLE
 - o Induce the stall by pitching up, maintaining coordination and wings level
 - o recover at full stall and call out "stall"
- Recovery:
 - o Reduce angle of attack, pitching forward below the horizon
 - Power FULL forward
 - Flaps retract in increments
 - Climb to original cruise altitude

Power-off Stall

- Pre-maneuver checklist:
 - Fuel pump ON
 - Lights ON
 - Mixture RICH
 - Clearing turns
- Note altitude/heading and pick an outside reference point
- Reduce power to 1500-1700 RPM
- Maintain altitude by applying INCREASING back pressure
- Extend flaps once in the white arc
- Pitch for airspeed
- Power for altitude
- Upon reaching 50-55 knots
- Establish stabilized descent while maintaining airspeed/heading, after 100' descent:
- Power IDLE
- Induce the stall by pitching up, maintaining coordination and wings level
- recover at full stall and call out "stall"
- Recovery:
 - o Reduce angle of attack, pitching forward below the horizon
 - o Power FULL forward
 - o Flaps retract in increments
 - Climb to original cruise altitude

Power-on Stall

- Pre-maneuver checklist:
 - Fuel pump ON
 - o Lights ON
 - Mixture RICH
 - Clearing turns
- Note altitude/heading and pick an outside reference point
- Reduce power to 1500-1700 RPM
- Maintain altitude by applying INCREASING back pressure
- Slow to Vr and then:
- Power FULL forward
- Pitch up to induce stall
- Maintain coordination with rudder
- (If turn is requested, no more than 20° bank)
- recover at full stall and call out "stall"
- Recovery:
 - o Reduce angle of attack, pitching forward below the horizon
 - o Return to cruise configuration

Engine-out Procedures

- Pitch and trim for best glide speed (Vg)
- Look for a place to land and stay close to it!
- Troubleshoot if altitude permits:

C172:

- o Fuel selector BOTH
- Mixture Rich
- o Carb Heat ON
- Magnetos Both (attempt restart if prop not wind milling)
- o Master ON
- Primer IN and LOCKED

PA28:

- o Mixture Rich
- Fuel pump ON
- Carb Heat ON
- Master ON
- Primer IN and LOCKED
- Magnetos Both (attempt restart if prop not wind milling)
- Fuel selector switch tanks
- Run through emergency checklist
- (If still no start) Declare EMG on 121.5 and squawk 7700
- Before landing, shut fuel sources off
 - o Fuel selector OFF
 - o Magnetos OFF
 - Mixture CUTOFF
- Pop door(s) open
- Brace

Traffic pattern



