

<b>Language Testing Centre</b> <b>National University of Public Service</b> <b>Budapest, Hungary</b> <b>NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 2</b> <b>WRITING SAMPLE TASKS</b>	<b>Number of tasks: 2</b> <b>Time: 90 minutes</b> Task 1 is worth 20 marks Task 2 is worth 25 marks <b>Pass mark: 27</b>
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**Writing Task 1** Today's families are very different from what they were fifty or sixty years ago. In a short composition describe the changes in family life that you see taking place in your country. Mention

- the family size and structure,
- the role of the parents,
- the problems new family models face today.

**(You should write about 180 words.)**

Families have significantly changed since the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, especially their size and structure. While half a century ago the average family consisted of parents, 4-5 children and grandparents, nowadays the number of children has decreased and the grandparents usually live on their own. Cohabitation instead of marriage is becoming widespread and the number of single-parent families continues to grow.

In my opinion the role of the parents has also changed. After entering the labour market, a lot of women have to balance between being bread-winners, mothers and housewives at the same time. Both parents try to earn enough to cover the expenses of the family and have less time for their children than they used to.

As a matter of fact, having a good career has become a top priority for many people. More and more people want to reach their own goals, they do not have the time to talk to each other and as a result, people are getting more and more lonely.

However, a strong family background is still extremely important to help us to adapt to the rapidly changing modern world.

**Writing Task 2** Currently you are serving abroad in a multinational peacekeeping mission.

Write to your commander requesting an emergency leave. In your memo

- explain why you need emergency leave,
- mention your present responsibilities,
- mention how you are planning to reorganise the work of your unit for the time of your absence.

**(You should write about 150 words.)**

**FROM:** Lt Jack Black

**Tel/Fax :** +99 123 456 789

**TO:** Lt Col John White

**Date:** 15/03/2018

**Subject :** \_\_\_\_\_ Request for leave \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

Reference the above subject, I would like to apply for a two-week leave. The reasons are the following:

1. I would like to get your approval for an emergency leave because my son was born a few days ago. There were some complications during the birth so I would like to visit my family in the hospital.
2. Currently I am serving as a platoon commander and I am responsible for demining operations in the vicinity of Jinga, 60 miles north of the capital. We have already successfully cleared half of the area of hazardous mines and without casualties.
3. My unit will have to continue the mine clearance and equipment maintenance is also scheduled for next week. According to my plan, my 2IC, Staff Sgt Frank File will lead the platoon during my absence. He is well trained and familiar with the current SOPs.

Please inform me about your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Lt Jack Black