Language Testing Centre
National University of Public Service
Budapest, Hungary
NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 1
WRITING SAMPLE TASKS

Number of tasks: 2 Time: 80 minutes

Task 1 is worth 20 marks
Task 2 is worth 25 marks

Pass mark: 27

Writing Task 1 In a short composition, describe the town or village where you live.

Write about

- what your town or village is like,
- what interesting places there are,
- why you like or don't like living there.

(You should write about 120 words.)

I live in Veszpém. It is near Lake Balaton and it has a population of about 60,000. It is not a very big town, but it is really beautiful.

Veszprém has a lot of interesting places. There is a fantastic zoo and an old castle in the middle of the town. There are many entertainment facilities: museums with exciting exhibitions and a famous theatre with interesting plays. Veszprém also has a lot of different shops where you can buy everything. In my free time I can take a walk in the town centre or go swimming in Lake Balaton in the summer.

I like living there because the town is clean and the people are friendly. But sometimes it is a bit too quiet, so I would like to move to a bigger place.

Writing Task 2 You have just returned from the USA where you took a specialized English course at an Air Force Language School. Write a letter to your friend, a Czech NCO, about the course. Write about:

- the school (location, students)
- the course (length, material, teachers)
- why the course was useful for you.

(You should write about 120 words.)

Dear Josef,

I am sorry I haven't written for so long, but I have just got back from the USA, where I took part in an English course.

I stayed at a big Air Force base near Houston. I learnt English with 10 other NCOs. They all came from different NATO countries.

The course lasted for 2 months. The classes started at 8 in the morning and finished at 4 in the afternoon. We learnt a lot of military words that you need for weapons training, field training exercises and CASEVAC. Our instructor was a lieutenant in the US Air Force. He was very strict, but friendly.

The course was really useful, because I often take part in military exercises. I would also like to go on a peacekeeping mission, so I have to take a STANAG exam.

Best wishes,

Miklós