

<p><b>Language Testing Centre</b>  <b>National University of Public Service</b>  <b>Budapest, Hungary</b>  <b>NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 3</b>  <b>WRITING SAMPLE TASKS</b></p>	<p><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></p>
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**Writing Task 1** Brain drain, the mass exodus of highly skilled and educated people, continues to be a pressing problem in many countries of the world. In your composition discuss

- the reasons behind brain drain;
- its implications on economies;
- to what extent your country is affected by it, and
- possible ways to manage skilled labour migration.

**(You should write about 220 words.)**

Brain drain refers to the large scale migration of highly-qualified people who leave their country of origin and go to an economically more developed country in search of better employment opportunities.

There are many reasons behind brain drain concerning both the donor and the recipient countries. When considering the reasons for this phenomenon, we can distinguish between push and pull factors. Unsatisfactory working conditions, low salaries, substandard living conditions, limited opportunities or political instability can all be push factors, which cause people to leave their countries. Similarly, numerous pull factors, such as greater opportunities, higher salaries, extensive resources for research and higher living standards, lure the skilled professionals to the target countries.

The economic impact of labour migration varies considerably. Recipient countries usually come out on top: they obtain highly-skilled professionals at the lowest possible cost since they do not have to spend on training. However, less developed donor countries are negatively affected because they lose members of their talented and skilled labour force.

Hungary is a perfect example of a donor country with the negative impact of brain drain. Thanks to state funding, obtaining a university degree is widely accessible. However, many graduates, for example, medical professionals, IT specialists, engineers and others, choose to emigrate and find employment abroad, leaving the country without a solid base for professionals.

The solution to labour migration is not simple at all. Higher wages, better working conditions and career prospects are required in the donor countries. These would lead to better living standards which might stop the mass exodus of educated people.

**Writing Task 2** You are serving in a multi-national unit. The force streamlining initiative has required to cut one position in your unit/department. In a memo to your new commander

- briefly describe the tasks of your unit/department;
- specify the position to be abolished;
- describe how the present tasks of that position can be delegated and
- mention the future of the person affected by the reduction.

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

In this memo your name is **John Smith**.

**FROM:** Major John Smith  
**Tel/Fax :** +99 123 456 789  
**TO:** Colonel Joseph Taylor

**Date:** 15/03/2018

**Subject :** Position to be abolished in 1 Company

Sir,

Reference the above subject, as the commander of 1 Company, I am writing to you to specify the position to be abolished in my unit.

1. 1 Company is tasked with maintaining the perimeter security of Base Bravo. It is the only unit at the base responsible for conducting security and defence operations, planning, directing and coordinating all defence efforts.
2. In accordance with your order, I have reviewed all assignments in my company and I have come to the conclusion that the position of the liaison officer can be cancelled. It is currently filled by Lieutenant Green, who is responsible for maintaining good relations with local authorities and the police.
3. The tasks of the liaison officer could be delegated to the Company 2IC, Captain Blue. I am convinced this is a feasible solution as there are a lot of similarities and overlaps in their work. I am absolutely positive that this change will not impair the effectiveness of 1 Company and my unit will continue to be able to accomplish its mission successfully.
4. Lieutenant Green could be transferred to base Bravo HQ, where there is a vacancy for an interpreter.

Please inform me about your final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Major John Smith