

TEXTS

Ludovika University of Public Service Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training Language Testing Centre NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 2 READING PRACTICE TASKS	Number of tasks: 4 Time: 90 minutes Task 1 is worth 10 marks Task 2 is worth 5 marks Task 3 is worth 10 marks Task 4 is worth 10 marks Pass mark: 21
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Reading Task 1, Questions 1-10 Read the text **I Won't Help My Daughter**. Choose the best word (A, B, C or D) for each gap. Question 0 is an example.

Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

I WON'T HELP MY DAUGHTER

In Britain, everybody has heard of John Freeman, whose nickname is Mr Loophole. He is a lawyer who0... in road traffic cases. He has a reputation for successfully1.... celebrities accused of speeding, his high-profile clients have included even David Beckham. Mr Freeman earned £30,000 by handling his case.

Interestingly, last week Mr Freeman's teenage daughter was caught on camera driving at 63 mph in a temporary 50 mph zone. Most unfortunately for her, the Mini Cabriolet was2.... to her father's law firm. Within days, a written3.... of a £60 fine arrived at Mr Freeman's office.

Being a loving father, he was expected to offer his legal4.... to help his daughter. But even though John Freeman was confident he could get his daughter off after studying the legal small print, he5.... to represent her in court. "I know I am a hypocrite but I want Sophie to learn the hard way," the millionaire lawyer said yesterday. "She should understand that speeding6.... not only her own health but other people's as well. I believe that the7.... will help her to drive more safely."

Sophie, who has been driving for 18 months, said: "I admit I was speeding but I don't8.... myself to be a fast or reckless driver. I have driven along that9.... of road many times and it normally has a 60 mph limit. My dad hasn't really given me a firm telling-off yet although I suspect that will come. And I know I will have to pay the £60 out of my own10.... ."

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Example:

0. A. focuses **B.** specialises C. emphasises D. underlines

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|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | A. judging | B. securing | C. defending | D. investigating |
| 2. | A. registered | B. administered | C. signed | D. documented |
| 3. | A. regulation | B. notification | C. description | D. attention |
| 4. | A. expertise | B. challenge | C. discipline | D. scholarship |
| 5. | A. ignored | B. allowed | C. refused | D. let |
| 6. | A. disturbs | B. endangers | C. demolishes | D. hurts |
| 7. | A. penalty | B. prize | C. reward | D. fee |
| 8. | A. care | B. decide | C. pretend | D. consider |
| 9. | A. zone | B. extent | C. section | D. space |
| 10. | A. spendings | B. expenses | C. savings | D. costs |

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

I won't help my daughter

1. C (1 mark)
2. A (1 mark)
3. B (1 mark)
4. A (1 mark)
5. C (1 mark)
6. B (1 mark)
7. A (1 mark)
8. D (1 mark)
9. C (1 mark)
10. C (1 mark)

TEXTS

Reading Task 2, Questions 11-15 Read the text **A Big Blow** and then choose from list **A-I** the best phrase to fill each of the blanks. Three of the suggested answers do not fit at all. Question **0** is an example.

Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

A BIG BLOW

College students have been left upset **0** Next month Blackburn College is stopping students from leaving vehicles on its campus in a proposal **11** Hundreds of spaces at the three car parks of the college will be reserved for staff only. But critics said that the move would create **12**

Previously, students at Blackburn College could buy a £70 year-long car parking permit **13** For cars without a permit, a wheel clamping system has been used at the three college car parks for the last four years. Students said banning them from parking on the campus was an even bigger blow. There are public car parks nearby but they cost at least £100 per term, **14**

A college spokesperson said, "The college has introduced an improved public transport offer from September, giving big reductions on bus travel to our students". However, a college representative said, "Although we've been trying to support public transport for some time, it's unrealistic **15** ". They'll just start parking elsewhere". A big worry is that even residential areas like in Oakenhurst Road will get more clogged up. They would need a new emergency ambulance route if it got even more congested.

A. after being banned from parking on campus (EXAMPLE)

B. a higher budget for promoting the use of public transport

C. has led to angry protests from local residents

D. to encourage the use of public transport in town

E. which many of those studying on campus will find a burden to pay

F. to help students find alternative parking

G. an increased demand for town-centre parking spaces

H. to expect that students will give up using their cars

I. which provided them with unlimited access to the parking facilities on campus

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0.A.... (EXAMPLE)

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

A big blow

11. D

12. G

13. I

14. E

15. H

TEXTS

Reading Task 3, Questions 16-20 Read the text **The Mehlaajat Operation** and answer the questions. Question 0 is an example. Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

THE MEHLAJAT OPERATION

1. When the governor of Kandahar Province came to the town of Mehlaajat, freshly liberated on Sunday from the Taliban, his armed entourage appeared to outnumber what was left of the population.
2. For the moment, this farming community of about 60,000 people on the edge of Kandahar City looked more like a ghost town, doors closed and windows barred, with hardly anyone on the streets. The wheat and corn fields nearby, laced with booby traps and hidden bombs, were deserted.
3. While many operations in Afghanistan are now joint ones between NATO and Afghan forces, in most of them, the phrase "Afghan-led" is little more than a fiction. However, the Mehlaajat operation was an exception. The reason why the Afghans took the lead this time seemed to have more to do with local politics than coalition building.
4. When Muhammad Rasol, the police chief of the Daman district, to the east of the town, and three police officers were killed by a Taliban suicide bomber on Aug. 18, Kandahar's powerful provincial assembly chairman, Ahmed Wali Karzai, was furious and complained to his brother, President Hamid Karzai. In response President Karzai granted the powers of commander-in-chief to the governor of Kandahar Province, Mr. Wesa, and ordered him to convene an urgent military meeting to discuss a response.
5. The governor's military meeting decided to hit Mehlaajat, and do it quickly. The operation was led by Col. Abdul Razaq, a controversial figure and an ally of Ahmed Wali Karzai. It also included army forces and other police units, all under the governor's ultimate command.
6. "It came about rather quickly," said Lt. Col. Victor Garcia, deputy commander of the US Army's Task Force Raider, which backed up the Afghans. "The Afghans informed NATO commanders that they were going ahead within two weeks' notice. It was a quick and successful operation and apart from two policemen wounded by a roadside bomb, there were no other casualties," he added.
7. Frightened villagers fled Mehlaajat in the opening days of the operation, piling belongings and children onto tractors and heading for the comparative safety of Kandahar city. They complained that the government and NATO forces were searching their houses and arresting people and that the Taliban were planting mines everywhere.

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Reading Task 3, Questions 16-20 Read the text **The Mehlahat Operation** and answer the questions. There are **seven** paragraphs, but for this task you must choose only **five** to give the answers. Question **0** is an example. Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

Example:

0. Which paragraph mentions an official's visit to the town? 1

Which paragraph

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| 16. gives a short evaluation of the operation? | _____ |
| 17. mentions the harassment the locals were exposed to? | _____ |
| 18. suggests that cultivation of land has come to a stop? | _____ |
| 19. mentions what triggered the military action? | _____ |
| 20. explains what was unusual about the Mehlahat operation? | _____ |

TASKS

Reading Task 4, Questions 21-25 Read the text **The Mehrajat Operation** again. For each question choose the **two** best answers from list **A-E**. For this task you need the whole text. Question **0** is an example. Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

0. Who were among the casualties of the terror act?

___ **B** ___

___ **D** ___

- A. The provincial assembly chairman.
- B. The police chief of the Daman district.
- C. The commander-in-chief of the army.
- D. Three officers of the police force.
- E. The governor of Kandahar province.

21. What did the high-ranking person visiting Mehrajat see there?

- A. Fleeing farmers on the fields.
- B. Desert everywhere.
- C. Very few people outside.
- D. Many abandoned houses.
- E. Lots of diffused IEDs.

22. How did the Afghan President react to the complaints?

- A. He became angry and ignored the complaints.
- B. He appointed his brother governor of Kandahar.
- C. He removed the assembly chairman.
- D. He insisted on taking measures.
- E. He assigned the governor to a special position.

23. What made the local people leave Mehrajat?

- A. Their belongings were destroyed.
- B. Their lands were confiscated by the Taliban.
- C. They were disturbed in their homes.
- D. The actions of the Taliban made their life hard.
- E. The unsafe situation in Kandahar city scared them.

24. Which of the following statements are true of the Mehrajat operation?

- A. No US unit was involved in it.
- B. The President's brother took the lead.
- C. No local civilians were hurt.
- D. Afghan forces played the central role.
- E. The coalition forces were not notified about the attack.

25. What information is provided about the Taliban in the area?

- A. They were driven out of Mehrajat.
- B. They have targeted local officials.
- C. They were based on the edge of the Kandahar.
- D. They had controversial allies among the politicians.
- E. They occupied Kandahar city in a quick operation.

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The Mehlahat Operation

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16. 6

17. 7

18. 2

19. 4

20. 3

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

21. __C__

__D__

22. __D__

__E__

23. __C__

__D__

24. __C__

__D__

25. __A__

__B__