

TEXTS

Ludovika University of Public Service Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training Language Testing Centre 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 **Pass or Fail**. Choose the best word (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-10). Question 0 is an example.

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

PASS OR FAIL

Shockingly, many students in the U.S. fail high school, yet most haven't 0 on education. That's where the 1 comes for people like John and Joan Hall. They have built a lucrative business to provide dropouts with classes that could 2 diplomas. The country's drop-out crisis has given rise to many schools like theirs 3 alternative routes to graduation.

The Halls' schools aren't classroom-based – students study 4 , and meet with a teacher just two hours a week. But the idea that teenagers will do better studying subjects like algebra on their own remains largely 5 Despite the alternative method, only 11% of the students in their schools 6 Nearly all of the rest dropped out or were sent to other schools. Surprisingly, the Halls have no problem 7 their learning center. Some 20,000 students enrolled for at least part of the last school year.

During the school year 2013-2014 the Halls 8 about 300 teachers and gathered millions in public funds. They have 9 to disclose data how much profit they make from their business, but state records show that each collected \$321,000 in salary in the last school year. In the early years their schools 10 significantly more state funding than they spent. Still, Hall and his supporters say that their schools provide an important second chance for struggling students.

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Example:
0. A. forgotten B. given up C. ended D. relied

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|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | A. promotion | B. opportunity | C. benefit | D. occasion |
| 2. | A. succeed in | B. get into | C. bring about | D. lead to |
| 3. | A. causing | B. replacing | C. offering | D. adjusting |
| 4. | A. partially | B. independently | C. generally | D. hardly |
| 5. | A. unproved | B. unsafe | C. unknown | D. unbalanced |
| 6. | A. missed | B. completed | C. graduated | D. left |
| 7. | A. transferring | B. filling | C. recruiting | D. applying |
| 8. | A. employed | B. shared | C. practiced | D. qualified |
| 9. | A. eliminated | B. refused | C. volunteered | D. accepted |
| 10. | A. contributed | B. attempted | C. supplied | D. received |

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

Task 1: Pass or fail

- 1. B**
- 2. D**
- 3. C**
- 4. B**
- 5. A**
- 6. C**
- 7. B**
- 8. A**
- 9. B**
- 10. D**

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Reading Task 2, Questions 11-15 Read the text **Will They Die Earlier?** 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**.

WILL THEY DIE EARLIER?

It's often said that today's children will have shorter average life spans than their parents,**0**..... and suffer from obesity. Not all experts are convinced, however.

It's true that the number of people**11**..... in the past. It's also true that obesity-related illnesses have been on the rise. But the risk of dying from heart attacks and strokes, both associated with obesity, is in fact lower than in previous decades, according to Sir Richard Peto, an expert in the field. He says, ".....**12**..... worldwide is half what it was 40 years ago".

But some people think that being fatter**13**..... . Katherine Flegal, an epidemiologist, analysed studies into causes of death and concluded that people deemed "overweight" were 6% less likely to die early.

Flegal's paper, published last year, says it's possible that**14**..... , either because they show symptoms of disease earlier or because they're screened more regularly. And there are a variety of different reasons for lengthening life expectancy, including better vaccination programmes and drugs, cleaner water, better-trained midwives and people stopping smoking. But though we**15**..... if we suffer from a variety of health conditions. So while we can expect extra years, they may not necessarily be golden.

- A. because so many live less healthily (EXAMPLE)**
- B.** overweight people get better medical care
- C.** with high blood pressure is increasing
- D.** who have a body mass index over 25
- E.** the probability of dying before age 50
- F.** the relationship between body fat and risk of death
- G.** may actually lengthen rather than shorten life
- H.** who are considered obese now is undoubtedly higher than
- I.** may live longer, this may come with a reduced quality of life

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0.A.... (EXAMPLE)

11.

12.

13.

14.

15.

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

Will they die earlier

11. H

12. E

13. G

14. B

15. I

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Reading Task 3, Questions 16-20 Read the text **What was Hiding in Swedish Waters?** and answer the questions. Question **0** is an example. Write your final answers on the **ANSWER SHEET**.

WHAT WAS HIDING IN SWEDISH WATERS?

1. Sweden's armed forces say they have abandoned their search for what they believed was a submarine, spotted not far from Stockholm more than a week ago. The hunt was described as Sweden's biggest mobilisation since the Cold War.
2. Speculation had centred on Russia. Initially, the Swedish military was careful not to state for certain what it was looking for, but the Russian Navy was considered most likely. It has large submarines - 60m (197ft) or 70m class - as well as small. And this one was probably small. There are two Russian mini-submarines that could fit the bill: the Piranha - seen as a diving submarine - and the Triton, used for research purposes.
3. There were reports about a foreign submarine and the first photo appearing to show the vessel went viral. But there are so many islands that defence officials said searching the area successfully was almost impossible. Much of the detail is unconfirmed, but Swedish media say an emergency signal was heard on 16 October, leading to reports of a damaged submarine.
4. The search on Saturday centred on Kanholms Bay - an area of busy shipping lanes used by passenger ferries between Stockholm and the Latvian capital, Riga. All manner of boats were used, including an M74 minesweeper, HMS Kullen, a stealth corvette, HMS Visby, and a fast-assault craft. So many naval vessels were involved that the scale of the night-and-day search had to be reduced and efforts were finally brought to a halt early on Friday 25 October.
5. Following Russia's occupation of Crimea in 2014 Sweden has tightened its ties with the alliance. So the submarine hunt was seen in the light of a pact signed on 5 September which enables joint training exercises and assistance from NATO troops in emergencies.
6. Russia has denied the claims, even suggesting it might be a Dutch submarine. But the Ukraine crisis has revived many of the trappings of the Cold War. In the space of a couple of months Estonia has accused Russia of abducting a security official. Finland has said Russian planes entered its airspace and one of its research boats was interfered with in international waters in the Baltic Sea. NATO says a Russian spy plane briefly entered Estonian airspace on 21 October after flying near Denmark and Sweden.
7. Some analysts have said the hunt is more about Swedish politics, and the Swedish military's need to justify higher military funding with the arrival of Prime Minister Stefan Lofven's centre-left government. The day before the search was cancelled, the new government announced a larger than expected increase in Sweden's defence budget, but the 3.1% increase for next year was less than the 4.3% rise given by the previous government for this year.

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Reading Task 3, Questions 16-20 Read the text **What was Hiding in Swedish Waters?** and answer the questions below. 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 your ANSWER SHEET.

Example:

0. Which paragraph describes the search as historically important? 1

Which paragraph

16. tells how a submarine was detected? _____

17. refers to signs of increasing tension in the region? _____

18. mentions the difficulties caused by the intensity of the search operation? _____

19. highlights the hidden motives behind the intensive Swedish search operation? _____

20. refers to the new international dimensions of Swedish military policy? _____

Reading Task 4, Questions 21-25 Read the text **What was Hiding in Swedish Waters?** 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**.

Example:

0. Which countries were involved in the submarine incident?

 A
 C

- A. Russia.
- B. Finland.
- C. Sweden.
- D. Estonia.
- E. Denmark.

21. What signs indicated the presence of a foreign submarine?

- A. It surfaced near commercial ships.
- B. A picture of it was published.
- C. It was seen in Stockholm's city harbour.
- D. The Russian Navy was searching for it.
- E. It transmitted a special message.

22. How did Moscow react to the Swedish speculation?

- A. They abducted a Swedish security official.
- B. They entered international waters in the Baltic Sea.
- C. They rejected the Swedish accusations.
- D. They sent two Russian mini-submarines to the region.
- E. They put the blame on the Netherlands.

23. Why was the search stopped within a relatively short time?

- A. The search zone became overcrowded.
- B. The hunt became too sensational.
- C. To search the whole area was unmanageable.
- D. Passenger ferries were behind schedule.
- E. Some of the obsolete naval vessels broke down.

24. How do experts interpret the Swedish reaction?

- A. The new Swedish government created the news.
- B. The Swedish armed forces want a rise in the military spending.
- C. The Swedish government is using the incident for political purposes.
- D. The Swedish military can announce a 4.3% rise in the budget.
- E. The new Swedish government is anti-Russian.

25. What was the effect of the Ukraine crisis on Sweden?

- A. It hosted a large scale joint military exercise.
- B. It signed a defence pact with Estonia.
- C. It reached an agreement with NATO for crisis situations.
- D. It was considering the procurement of new submarines.
- E. It intensified military cooperation with allied powers.

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TASK 3 is worth 10 MARKS

Each correct answer is worth 2 MARKS

What was Hiding...

16. 3 (2 marks)

17. 6 (2 marks)

18. 4 (2 marks)

19. 7 (2 marks)

20. 5 (2 marks)

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TASK 4 is worth 10 MARKS

Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

21. __B__ (1 mark)

__E__ (1 mark)

22. __C__ (1 mark)

__E__ (1 mark)

23. __A__ (1 mark)

__C__ (1 mark)

24. __B__ (1 mark)

__C__ (1 mark)

25. __C__ (1 mark)

__E__ (1 mark)