

**Language Testing Centre**  
**University of Public Service**  
**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.** Most people enjoy going on holiday. Describe your best holiday in a short composition. Write about:

- when and where you went,
- what you did there,
- what the weather was like,
- what you enjoyed or disliked about your holiday.

**(You should write about 120 words.)**

My best holiday was in Italy, in 2019. I went there with my wife and kids, and we stayed in a campsite for two weeks in July. We slept in a huge tent.

During the day, we swam in the sea, lay on the beach or played beach ball with our children. We also went on a one-day sightseeing tour. In the evenings, we went out to have dinner in a local restaurant, or we cooked something in the campsite.

Luckily, the weather was hot and sunny. I enjoyed this holiday, because we could spend a lot of time together. Italy is a beautiful country with a lot of sights and fantastic food. However, I didn't like the crowds in the campsite. We went there in the middle of the summer and it was full of tourists.

**Writing Task 2.** You are serving in a peacekeeping mission. You have just returned from your first patrol. Write an electronic letter to your American NCO friend about:

- who participated in the patrol;
- what the mission of the patrol was;
- what happened during the patrol;
- why it was difficult for you.

**(You should write about 120 words.)**

**Your name is John Smith.**

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your email. I'm participating in a peacekeeping mission in Mali as a squad commander, and I've just returned from my first patrol.

It was a mounted patrol. My squad consisted of soldiers from other African countries such as Senegal and Niger. Our task was to set up an OP and report all activities in the area to our commander.

Luckily, the area was calm, we didn't meet any rebels. However, we had to be very careful because of the mines. We couldn't leave the main road.

The other difficulty was the weather, which was extremely hot. The temperature was above 40 degrees Celsius, and we were very hot in our combat uniform.

I hope you're doing well.

Take care,

John