

TASKS

Language Testing Centre National University of Public Service Budapest, Hungary NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 3 LISTENING SAMPLE TASKS	Number of tasks: 2 Time: 40 minutes Task 1 is worth 10 marks Task 2 is worth 15 marks Pass mark: 15
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Listening Task 1, Questions 1-10 Listen to the report about traffic problems. For each question **circle** the best answer (**A, B, C** or **D**). You will hear the recording twice.

Now you have 30 seconds to look at the questions for Task 1.

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

Example:

Nevada Highway 95 is infamous for

- A.** heavy traffic.
- B.** speeding.
- C.** police control.
- D.** its bad condition.

1. The authorities

- A.** have completed a highway project.
- B.** support a new highway project.
- C.** oppose the highway project.
- D.** have sued for stopping the project.

2. Debates over the Highway concern

- A.** the number of accidents.
- B.** falling property prices.
- C.** traffic-generated pollution.
- D.** closing businesses.

3. To solve the traffic problem, the authorities might

- A.** create a highway police force.
- B.** limit population growth.
- C.** regulate weekday traffic.
- D.** develop public transport.

4. The Highway administration thinks the 95 expansion

- A.** would be good for air quality.
- B.** should be delayed.
- C.** is the worst solution.
- D.** will prevent accidents.

- 5. Opponents say the Highway expansion**
- A. has increased the level of cancer.
 - B. has required new health schemes.
 - C. will raise health insurance costs.
 - D. will have health implications.
- 6. Environmentalists suggest that public transport**
- A. would handle 50 percent of trips.
 - B. wouldn't be a real solution.
 - C. should be like in Europe.
 - D. shouldn't be expensive.
- 7. Experts think people won't give up their cars because of**
- A. security concerns.
 - B. growing distances.
 - C. cheap fuel.
 - D. love of comfort.
- 8. People in Nevada**
- A. protested against the construction of a monorail.
 - B. approved a transportation improvement program.
 - C. voted for a 2.7 billion dollar highway project.
 - D. tend to move to the northern suburbs.
- 9. The expansion of the Highway has been**
- A. stopped.
 - B. delayed.
 - C. changed.
 - D. started.
- 10. Residents around Highway 95**
- A. seem to ignore health risks.
 - B. support construction projects.
 - C. complain about health risks.
 - D. are leaving the highway area.

TAPESCRIPT TASK 1

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Now listen to the example.

Tens of thousands of workers commute from suburbs to resort and casino jobs in Las Vegas. Many of them creep tediously along U.S. highway ninety-five, the most congested road in the nation's fastest growing urban area.

The correct answer is A. Circle A.

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LISTENING TASK 1 READING 1

0 Tens of thousands of workers commute from the suburbs to resort and casino jobs in Las Vegas. Many of them creep tediously along U.S. Highway ninety-five, the most congested road in the nation's fastest growing urban area.

1 The Las Vegas case spotlights a problem facing many thriving cities, particularly in the West. With the six-lane freeway turning twice daily into a rush-hour parking lot, authorities from the Governor on down favour a plan to widen the Highway from six to ten lanes.

2 Opposing the popular project are environmentalists and health experts. They sued in January to stop the project, but debates over the Highway continue. Environmentalists cite recent studies linking higher levels of foul air along busy urban highways to heightened health risks among people who live and work nearby.

3 U.S. ninety-five is a test case with broad implications for population growth in metro areas across the USA. The outcome could send Nevada transportation officials back to the drawing board and force the authorities to give greater weight to solving traffic problems with mass transit projects, though some argue that developing mass transit will be too costly.

4 But highway administration officials believe population growth would choke southern Nevada unless its road system expands rapidly. Stopping or delaying the ninety-five expansion, they say, would be the worst thing to do from an air quality standpoint.

5 Opponents site rising health risks of the Highway expansion. They say widening will funnel even more traffic onto Highway ninety-five causing more health problems. Oncologists in Las Vegas, though, say there are some connections but they have no evidence of higher cancer rates near Highway ninety-five.

6 Environmentalists agree that more buses, trains and light rail would be a good start, but they see that relying on mass transit as much as denser European cities do is unrealistic in greater Las Vegas. Even in the most optimistic scenario, transit could handle no more than fifteen percent of trips.

7 Since people are choosing to live further and further out, distances are going up. The experts claim, though, that low gasoline prices, will work against mass transit in Las Vegas.

8 But efforts are underway. Nevada voters in November endorsed a two point seven billion dollar transportation initiative that includes one billion dollars for transit. The first leg of a three point six-mile monorail will open next year. A rapid transit bus line will begin serving northern suburbs next winter.

9 Despite the environmentalists' lawsuit and all the concerns, work on expanding the Highway is progressing. Bulldozers are moving earth and overpasses are being built.

10 Three schools, a day care facility, twenty-seven apartment buildings and nearly four hundred houses are nearby. No one has complained about health risks. "People think cancer won't happen to them", says Jane Feldman, one of the activists. "But this is hard scientific data, and it's scary."

This is the end of the recording.

Now you have 30 seconds to complete your answers.

LISTENING TASK 1 READING 2

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This is the end of Task 1.

Now you have 30 seconds to check your answers.

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Each correct answer is worth 1 MARK

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