

# **Web-based DLPT IV**

## **Familiarization Guide**



## **Introduction**

This Familiarization Guide is designed to provide prospective examinees with information about the Defense Language Proficiency Test IV (DLPT IV) in Web-delivered format. The content of the tests will be the same as the content of the paper-based test; this guide provides information specific to what the examinees will see when taking the test on the computer as well as information on testing procedures.

## **Scoring**

Examinee scores are reported in terms of ILR levels, including “plus” ratings. Possible scores are 0, 0+, 1, 1+, 2, 2+, and 3. Separate scores are reported for reading and listening. Converted scores and raw scores (the number of questions the examinee answered correctly) are not reported; only the ILR level is reported.

## **The listening test**

Unlike in the paper-based version of the test, the listening portion of the Web-based test is “self-paced.” What that means is that although the playing of the passages is controlled by the computer, examinees may take as much or as little time as they wish to read and answer the questions. Examinees play the passage when they are ready, and they go on to the next passage when they are ready. Managing the time effectively is the examinee’s responsibility, just as it is on the reading test.

## Test Procedures

Note: the screen shots included in this section were taken from the Russian DLPT5 and may differ slightly from what the examinees will see. In particular, the timing information given on the screen shots may not reflect DLPT IV timing information.

At the beginning of the test session, the examinee logs on to the system using a Common Access Card (CAC) or a user ID and password that will be provided by the test proctors. The examinee must click on the [CAC Logon] or [Submit] button before moving to the next screen. The test proctors will assist the examinees with this step.

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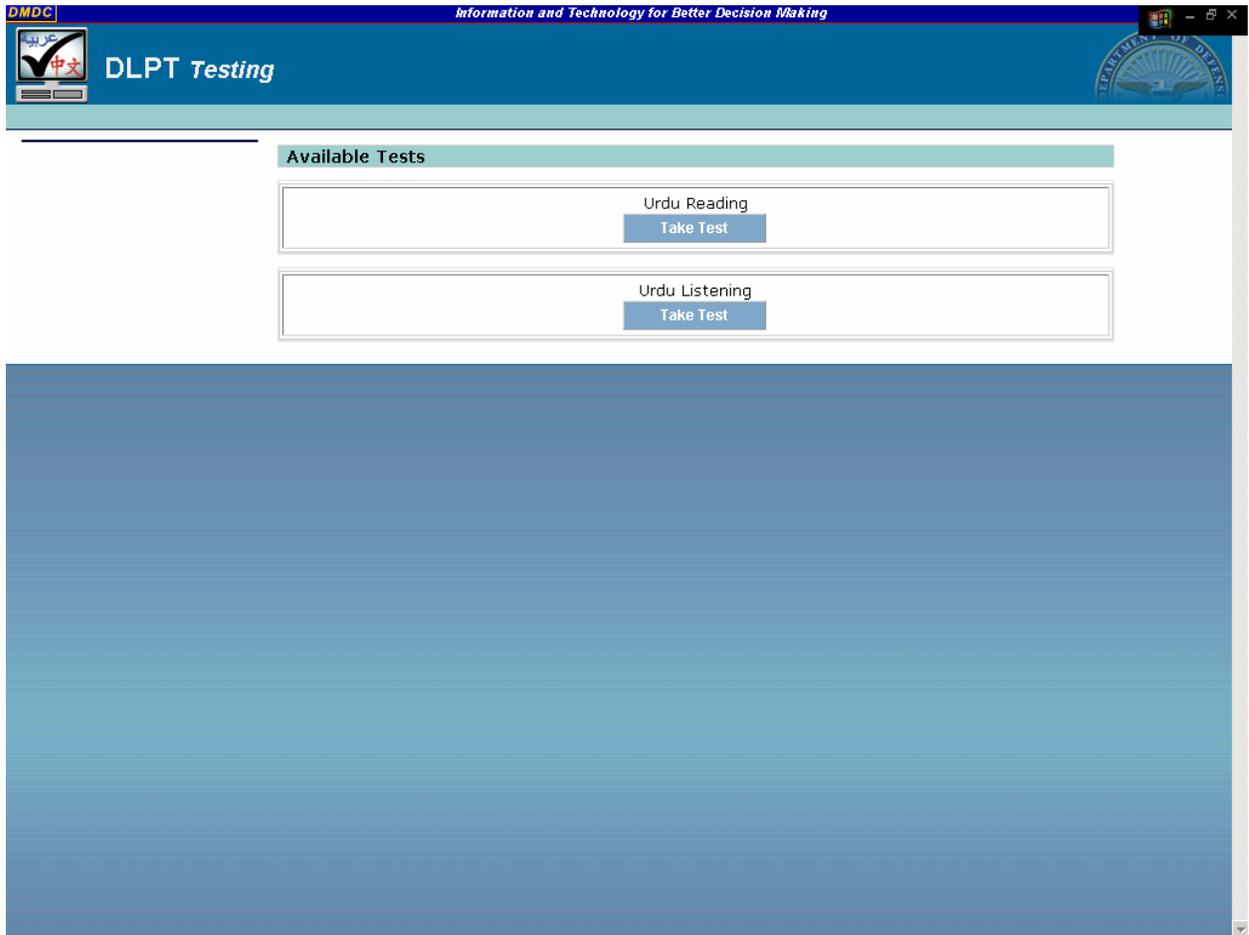
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### Candidate Logon

The Test Administrator has successfully logged in.

CAC Log on	User ID & Password
<input type="button" value="CAC Logon"/>	User ID: <input type="text"/>
	Password: <input type="password"/>
	<input type="button" value="Submit"/>

The next screen provides a list of tests for which the examinee is eligible; the examinee selects the appropriate test from the list.



Once the test has been selected, a series of introductory screens appears. These screens contain the Privacy Act Statement, the Disclaimer for Defense language Institute Tests, the Test Administration Statement (of the examinee’s ability to take the test at that time), and the Non-Disclosure Statement. The examinee must click on the indicated checkboxes under the Disclaimer and the Non-Disclosure Statement before moving to the next screen.

DLPT 5 Listening Comprehension Test for Russian Form A

<p>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</p> <p><b>Defense Language Proficiency Test 5</b> Multiple Choice Format</p>  <p><b>Russian</b> Language Code RU</p> <p><b>Listening Comprehension</b></p> <p><b>Form A</b></p>	<p><b>Please DO NOT START until told to do so.</b></p> <p>If you have difficulty with the instructions or any functions of this test, please raise your hand and the Test Administrator will assist you.</p> <p><b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b> Controlled Item (Test Material)</p> <p><small>Not to be shown to unauthorized persons Not to be reproduced without authority granted by the Commandant Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center</small></p> <p><b>To begin the test, click the Begin button below.</b></p>
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I confirm having read and understood both the Privacy Act Statement and the Disclaimer.

Click on the checkbox above to confirm.

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**Test Administration Statement:**

I understand that I am not required to take the Dari Listening Comprehension Test at this time if there are extenuating circumstances, such as fatigue, illness, emotional distress, family or financial problems, etc., which may interfere with my performance on the test; and that the test will be administered at another time acceptable to me, the Test Administrator, and my unit commander.

**Non-Disclosure Statement:**

I understand that this test is **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY** and the unauthorized discussion, disclosure or possession of any part of this test is a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and will result in appropriate administrative action to fix responsibility for such unauthorized behavior with criminal sanctions of up to two years hard labor and dishonorable discharge for those involved. Such unauthorized discussion or disclosure refers to **RELATING ANY ASPECT OF THIS TEST TO ANYONE**, including an instructor, fellow service member, spouse, or class member.

I confirm having read and understood both the Test Administration and the Non-Disclosure Statements.

Click on the checkbox above to confirm.

The next few screens contain examples of the screen layout for examinees to familiarize themselves with the features of the test, instructions for taking the test and a sample test passage. The text and questions in these screens appear smaller than the text and questions on the actual test passages.

### Reading comprehension test

Example of screen layout for the reading comprehension test: The example text represents a generic foreign language; it is not meant to be legible. Explanations of the parts of the screen are provided.

**DLPT 5 Lower Range Reading Comprehension Test for Russian Form A**

**Example of Screen Layout**

Familiarize yourself with the features of this screen now.

**ORIENTATION STATEMENT**

- \* explains source of passage in English.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE PASSAGE**

- \* Paragraphs are marked 1, 2, etc
- \* If a question asks about a specific word or phrase it is highlighted in red in the text.
- (The text shown here represents a generic foreign language. It is not meant to be legible.)
- \* A red line indicates the end of the passage.
- \* To see the entire passage you may need to scroll.

**DLPT 5 Multiple Choice Test for Reading Comprehension**

Language X Form x Section 1 of 3

*from a magazine article*

1. XXXXXY YY XYXYX XYXYX YYYX  
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End of this passage

Mark this passage for later consideration.

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End of questions for this passage

**TITLE BAR**

- \* indicates the test title and section.

**QUESTIONS**

- \* To choose an answer, click the button next to that choice.
- \* To change an answer, click the button next to a different choice.
- \* A red line indicates the end of the questions.

**STATUS BAR**    Passage 2 of 5    3 questions    Test ends in: 37:39   

Go to:  
Previous Passage    Next Passage

**NAVIGATION BUTTONS**

Passage #    # of Questions for this passage    Time remaining    Go to:  
Total # of Passages            Previous Passage    Next Passage

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Instructions screen for the reading comprehension test:

DLPT5 Lower Range Reading Comprehension Test for Language X Form A

**INSTRUCTIONS**

This test measures your reading comprehension in Language X. In taking the test you should do the following:

- Read the short statement before each passage that tells you where the passage came from.
- Read the Language X passage and the question or questions that follow carefully. The questions may be in the form of a question or an incomplete statement.
- For each question, choose the best answer from the four answer choices. The answer to each question may be stated overtly or only implied in the passage.
- Click on the button next to the answer you have chosen.
- Use the [Next] button at the bottom right of the screen to go to the next passage.
- **There is no penalty for guessing; therefore, it is to your advantage to answer all of the questions.**

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**If you need help during the test, press the [Help] button in the lower left corner.**

**A Sample Passage follows on next page.**

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The next screen contains one sample passage with its associated question or questions.

Example of a reading sample passage:

**DLPT 5 Lower Range Reading Comprehension Test for Russian Form A**

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**Sample Passage**

*An excerpt from a letter to the editor of a newspaper*

Я, как и многие москвичи, испытываю большие трудности в последнее время. В столице нелегко устроиться по специальности, особенно инженеру. Это всё потому, что институты и университеты каждый год выпускают тысячи специалистов, и каждый из них хочет остаться в Москве. Конкуренция очень высокая, и иногда нужны месяцы, чтобы найти работу.

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End of this passage  
Mark this passage for later consideration.

S1. What is the writer concerned about?

- Finding good employees nowadays in Moscow.
- The cutthroat competition among university students.
- The declining quality of teaching at many universities.
- Securing employment in his field in Moscow.

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[End of questions for Sample Passage](#)

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**Help**      **Sample Passage**    **1 question**      **<< Back**    **Next >>**

After the sample passage, the examinee clicks on the [Next] button and moves to the test start screen.

### Test Start Screen for the Reading Test

DLPT5 Lower Range Reading Comprehension Test for Language X Form A

**End-of-Test Review Information**

- After the last passage, *if there is still time on the clock*, you will have the opportunity to review your answers before submitting the test.
- From the review page you will be able to jump to any given passage.
- You will be able to change any answer or respond to any questions you have not answered.
- Detailed instructions for this review will be given at the end of the test.

**Start of Test**

- This reading test section contains:
  - 43 passages and
  - 61 questions.
- You are allowed 3 hours to complete the test.
- There will be a break after 90 minutes. The break does not count against your time.
- When you are ready, click the [Start Test] button below.
- The screen will move to Passage 1 and the clock will begin.

Help      End of Instructions      Test ends in: 180:00 minutes      Back      Start Test

## Listening comprehension test

Example of screen layout for the listening comprehension test:

The screenshot shows a software interface for a listening comprehension test. At the top, a title bar reads "DLPT 5 Lower Range Listening Comprehension Test for Language X Form A". Below this, the main content area is titled "Example of Screen Layout" and contains the instruction "Familiarize yourself with the features of this screen now." The central part of the screen displays a test window with the following content:

**DLPT5 Multiple Choice Test for Listening Comprehension Language X Form x**

**Passage A5**  
*This passage is taken from a news broadcast.*

1. What does the author claim about his sources?

- They are a major players in the governmental sector.
- They are primary political figures.
- They have been significantly cautious in the last few years.
- They have been a favorite target of politicians.

2. What is the author's purpose in discussing this issue?

- To highlight the corruption of the current system.
- To expose traitors in the higher echelons of the military.
- To contribute to public awareness.
- To criticize those not paying attention.

End of this passage.  
Mark this passage for later consideration.

At the bottom of the test window, a status bar displays: "Passage 5 of 40", "2 questions", and "Test ends in: 178:02". A "Play Audio" button is located to the right of the status bar.

Annotations on the right side of the screen explain the interface elements:

- TITLE BAR**
  - indicates the test title and form
- ORIENTATION STATEMENT**
  - explains source of passage in English.
- QUESTIONS**
  - To choose an answer, click the button next to that choice.
  - To change your answer, click the button next to a different choice.
  - A red line indicates the end of the questions.
  - To see all the questions, you may need to scroll.
- STATUS BAR shows:**
  - Current passage number
  - Total number of passages
  - Number of questions for current passage
  - Timer Status
  - Play Audio Button

At the bottom of the screen, there are "Help" and "Next" buttons. The text "Introduction: Screen 5 of 7" is centered at the bottom.

The next two screens contain instructions for the listening comprehension test. Note that examinees may select their answers to the questions while the audio is playing.

**DLPT 5 Lower Range Listening Comprehension Test for Language X Form A**

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Test Sequence</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When a passage screen opens, you will see its passage number, orientation statement, and the question or questions with their answer choices.</li><li>• At the bottom of the screen is a [Play Audio] button. When you click it, the audio will begin. The phrase 'Audio Playing' will be displayed in the status bar.</li><li>• You may answer questions at any time during the playing of the audio.</li><li>• You may not move to the next passage until the audio finishes playing. When the audio finishes, the [Next] button appears at the bottom of the screen. Click it when you are ready to move on to the next passage. . You will not be able to go back to previous passages until the end of the test.</li><li>• The [Help] button appears at the end of the audio playing for each passage. If you need help concerning a passage, click the [Help] button before moving to the next passage.</li></ul>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">The Clock</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The amount of time allotted for this test is 180 minutes ( 3 hours).</li><li>• There is a break in the middle of the test. It does not count against your time.</li><li>• It is your responsibility to keep track of where you are in the test, and how much time is remaining.</li></ul> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid red;"/> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">BEFORE YOU PROCEED, adjust your volume.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><span style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px 10px;">Test Volume</span></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Click the [Test Volume] button to hear a short audio file.</p>
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**ATTENTION: You should hear a voice reading the instructions below.**

**If the audio is not clear or loud enough, raise your hand now to alert the Test Administrator.**

- When a passage screen opens, you will see a short statement in English that explains the context from which the passage was taken, and below that, the question or questions associated with the passage.
- When you are ready to hear the passage, click on the [Play Audio] button located at the bottom right corner of the screen.
- You will then hear the short statement in English followed by the passage. Passages at the beginning of the test will be played only once. After a certain point in the test, passages will be played twice. You will be told when you reach that point. There will be a short tone signal between the two playings.
- You do not have to wait until the passage has finished playing to begin answering the questions. After hearing the passage you will be reminded to answer the question or questions. Read each question and its answer choices carefully. Some questions may be in the form of an incomplete statement.
- Based on what you have heard in the passage, choose the best answer to each question from among the four answer choices. The answer to each question may be stated overtly in the passage or only implied.
- Click on the button next to the answer you have chosen. You may change your answer by clicking on a different button.
- Click on the [Next] button at the bottom right of the screen to go to the next passage.
- **There is no penalty for guessing, so it is to your advantage to answer all of the questions.**

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**A sample passage follows on the next screen.**  
**If you need help during the test, click on the [Help] button.**

Example of listening sample questions (the sample passage audio is played while the screen is displayed):

**DLPT 5 Lower Range Listening Comprehension Test for Language X Form A**

**Sample Passage S1**

*This passage is a public announcement.*

1. What is one thing said about the event?

- It is open to the general public.
- It will have a tourism exhibit.
- It will offer a variety of goods at low prices.
- It features a variety of food stands.

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End of questions for Sample Passage  
Mark this passage for later consideration.

**Sample Passage 1 question** **Play Audio**

After the sample passage, the examinee clicks on the [Next] button and moves to the test start screen.

DLPT 5 Lower Range Listening Comprehension Test for Language X Form A

End-of-Test Review Information	Start of Test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At the end of the test, <i>if there is still time on the clock</i>, you will have the opportunity to review your answers before submitting the test.</li><li>• From the review page you will be able to jump to any given passage.</li><li>• You will be able to respond to any questions you have not answered, or change an answer.</li><li>• You <b>will not hear</b> the audio again during this review period.</li><li>• Detailed instructions for this review will be given at the end of the test.</li></ul> <hr/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This listening test contains 40 passages and 61 questions.</li><li>• The test is 180 minutes (3 hours) long.</li><li>• There will be a 15 minute break after Passage 22. The break does not count against the total time allowed for the test.</li><li>• When you are ready, click the [Start Test] button below.</li><li>• The screen will move to Passage 1 and the clock will begin.</li></ul>

Help      End of Instructions      Test ends in 180:00      Back      Start Test

## End-of-Test Review Information

At the end of each test, a review screen appears for examinees to review their responses to the questions before submitting the test.

From the review page, examinees will be able to jump to any given passage.

They will be able to respond to any questions they have not answered, or they can change an answer.

The audio for the Listening Test will **not** be played again during this review period.

Example of the review screen:

DLPT 5 Lower Range Reading Comprehension Test for Russian Form A

### End of Reading Test

- In the chart below, an asterisk (\*) in the Answer column means that you have answered a question.
- If you see the word **BLANK**, it means that **no answer** has been registered for this question.
- If you see an **X** next to a passage number, it means that you marked that passage for further consideration as you were taking the test.
- To review/change any answer, click the row below which corresponds to the question number.

Passage	Q #	Answer		Passage	Q #	Answer		Passage	Q #	Answer		Passage	Q #	Answer
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2	2	*		18	18	Blank		30	34	*		39	49	*
3	3	*		19	19	*		31	35	*		40	50	*
4	4	*		20	20	*		32	36	*		41	51	*
5	5	*		21	21	*		33	37	*		42	52	*
6	6	*		22	22	*		34	38	*		43	53	*
7	7	*		23	23	Blank		35	39	*		44	54	*
8	8	*		24	24	*		36	40	*		45	55	*
9	9	*	X	25	25	*		37	41	*		46	56	*
10	10	Blank		26	26	*		38	42	*		47	57	*
11	11	*		27	27	*		39	43	Blank		48	58	*
X 12	12	*		28	28	*		40	44	*		49	59	*
13	13	*		29	29	*		41	45	*		50	60	*
14	14	*	X	30	30	*		42	46	*		51	61	*
15	15	*		31	31	*		43	47	*				
16	16	*		32	32	*								

- When you are satisfied and are ready to submit your test, click the [Submit] button below.

Review Answers
Test ends in: 176:56
Submit