Testing Writing

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Contributors....

Bosnia-Herzegovina	Latvia
Bulgaria	North Macedonia
Canada (x2)	Norway
Croatia	Romania
Czech Republic	Slovenia(x2)
Denmark	Slovakia
Estonia	Ukraine
Georgia (2)	Nargiz Khalikova
Germany	

What type of writing test is your country currently using?

- 🔵 Paper-based
- 🔴 Computer-based
- 🟠 Mixed (explain)
- 🟢 Other (explain)

20%

20%

60%
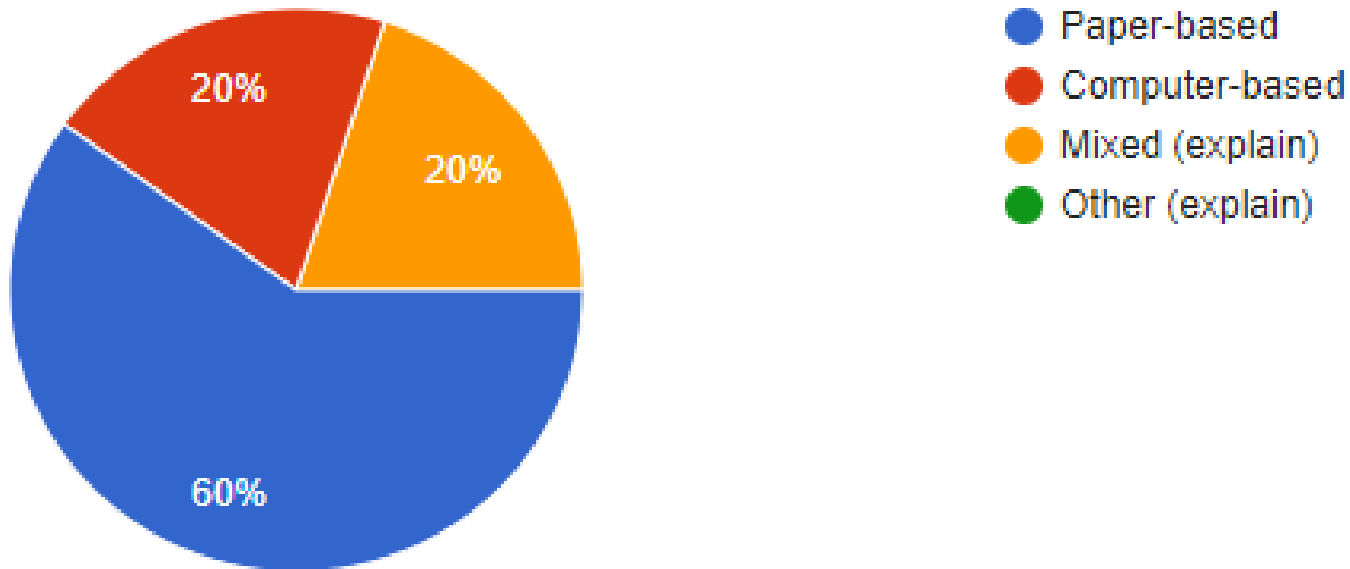
Computer based testing

THE COMPUTER WAS
BORN TO SOLVE
PROBLEMS THAT DID
NOT EXIST BEFORE

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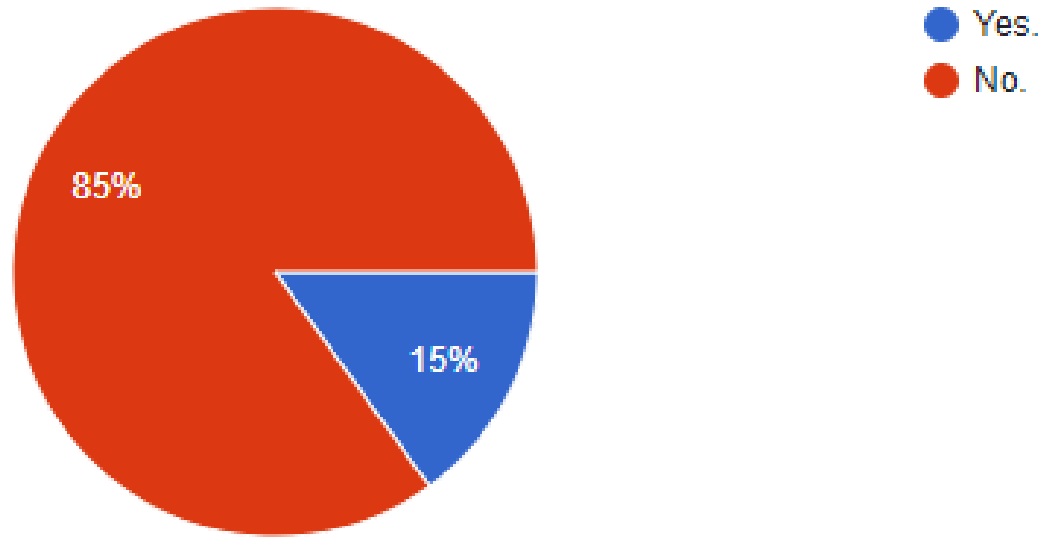
Paper based testing
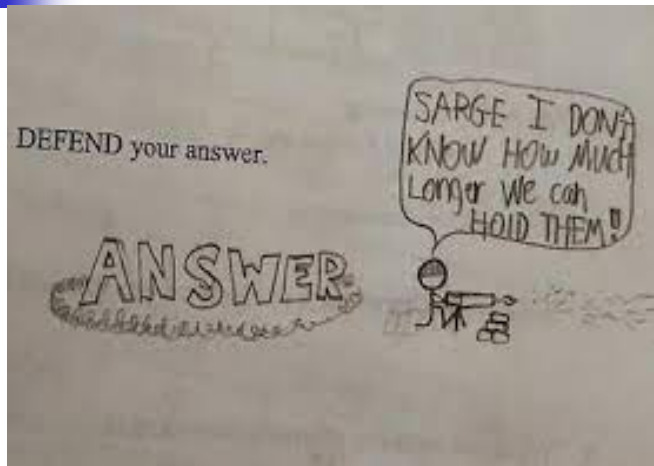
Your national writing test is....

● mono-lingual
● bi-lingual

85%

15%
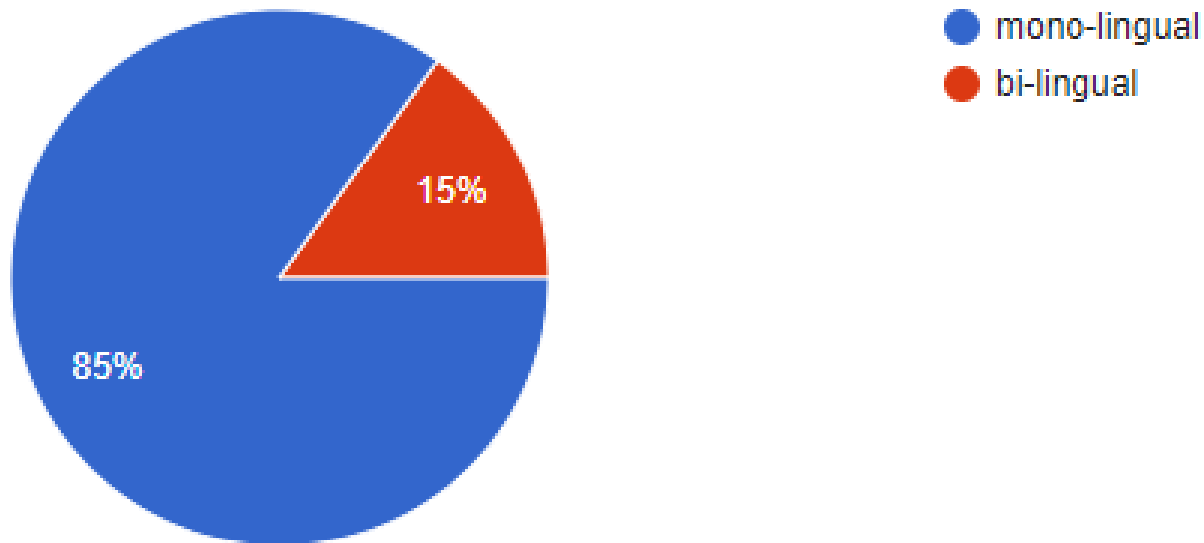
Are dictionaries allowed during testing of writing?

Yes.

No.

85%

15%

Your national test is....

- single level
- bi-level
- multi-level

55%

25%

20%
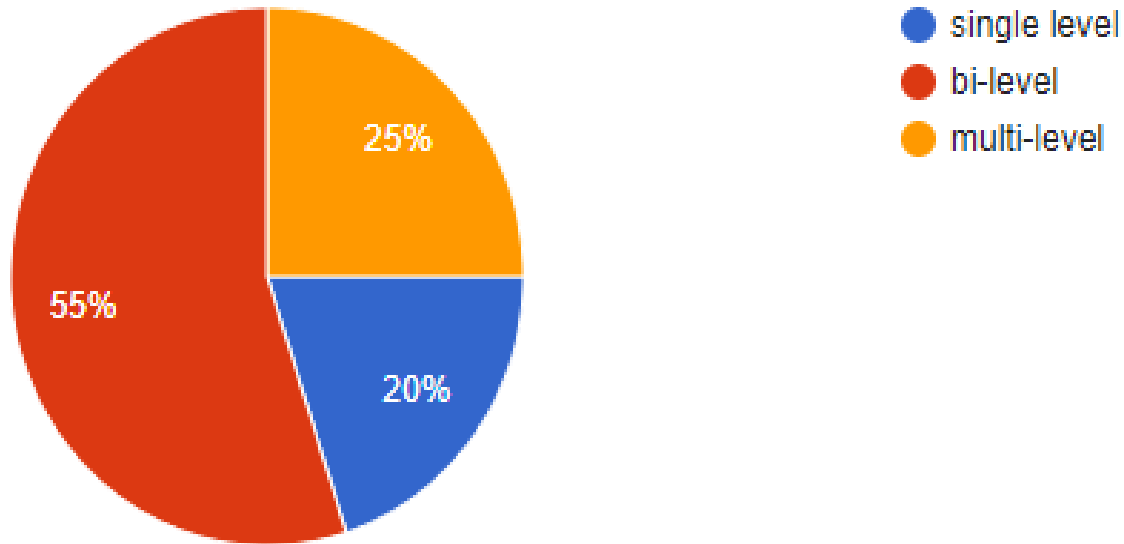
Your testing organization tests writing for...

legend:
- levels 1,2
- level 1,2,3
- levels 2,3
- levels 1,2,3,4
- others

30%
15%
45%
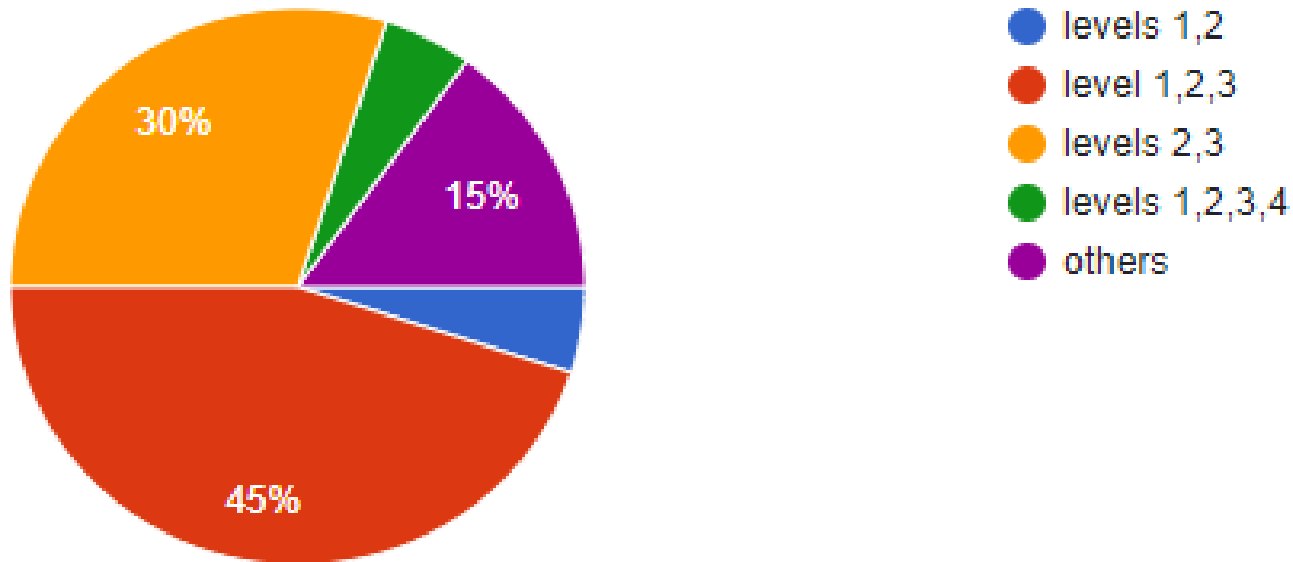
How many tasks /level ?

One
Two
Other

30%

10%

60%
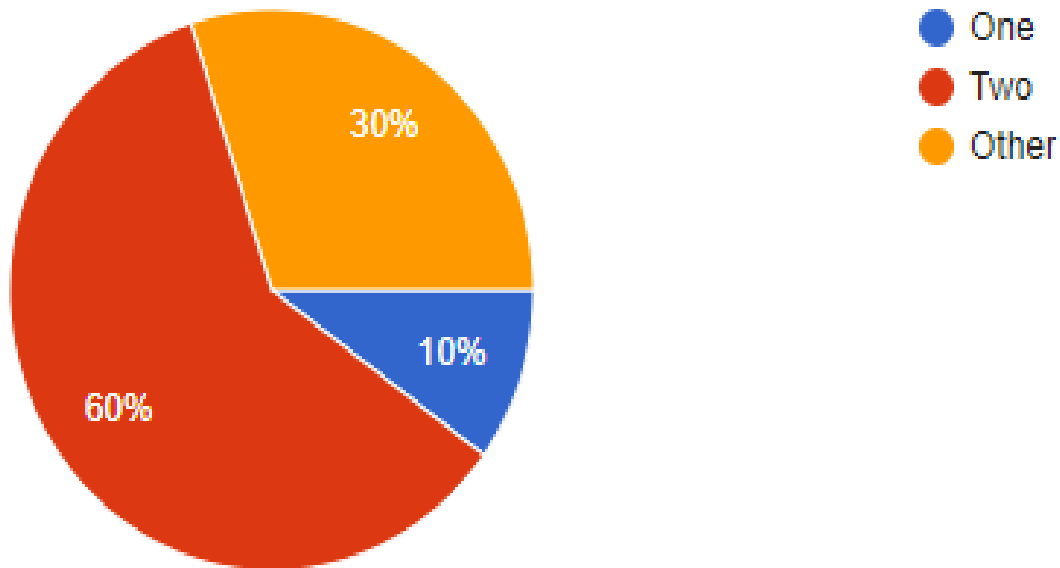
Who are the raters of the writing tests?

- teachers
- testers
- teachers with testing experience
- natives with testing experience
- natives
- Other.

10%

15%

70%
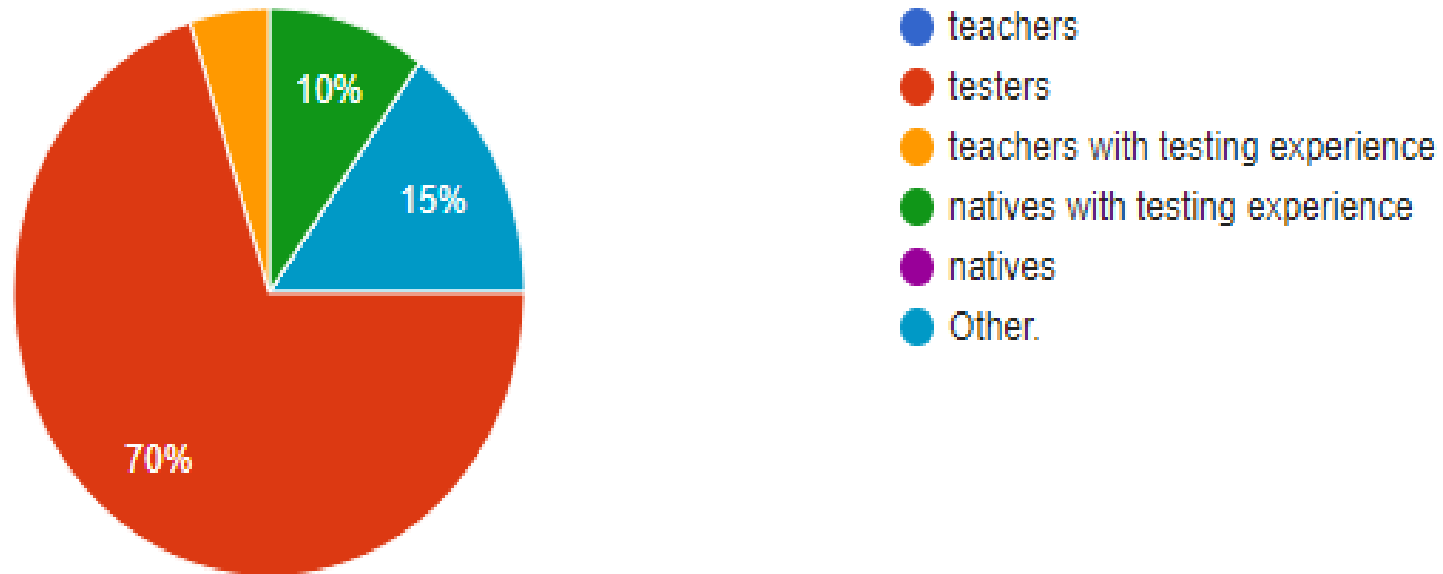
The writing tasks developers in your testing organization are...

Pie chart:
- 85% testers (blue)
- 10% others (purple)
- natives with testing experience (orange)

Legend:
- testers
- teachers
- natives with testing experience
- natives
- others
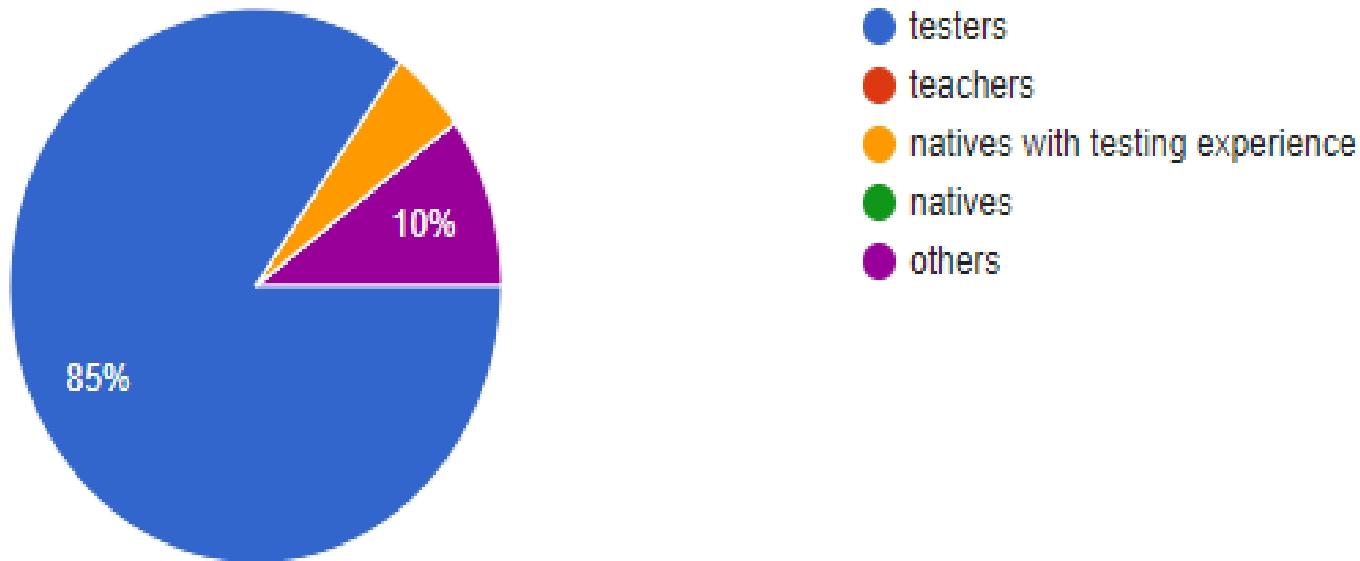
How are the writing samples rated?

- Holistically
- Analytically
- Others

25%

15%

60%
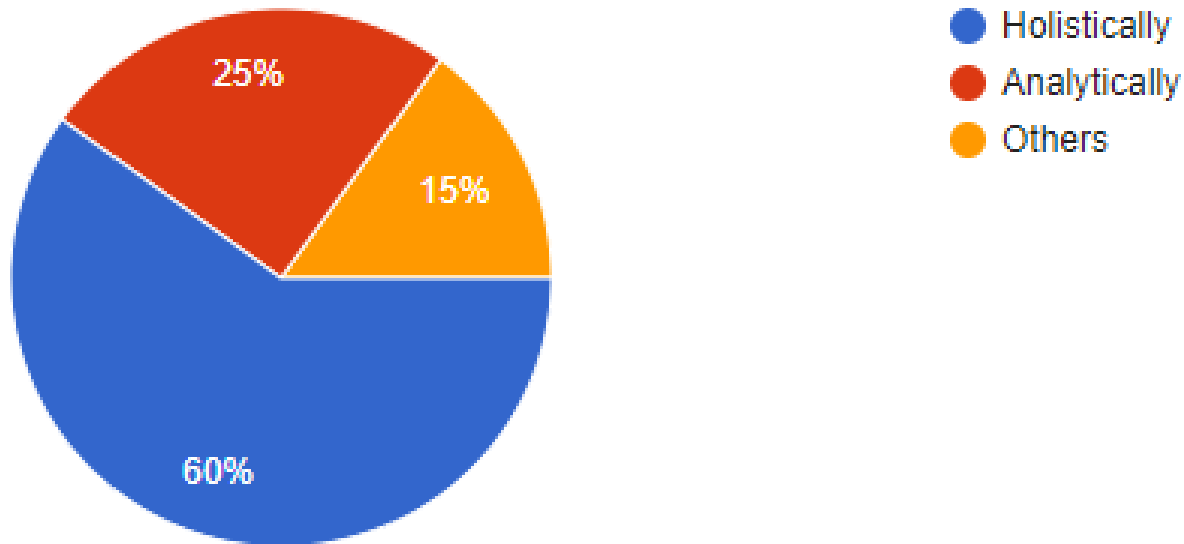
What rating criteria does your testing organization use?

- STANAG 6001 descriptor
- National rating grid iaw STANAG 6001
- Other

30%

65%
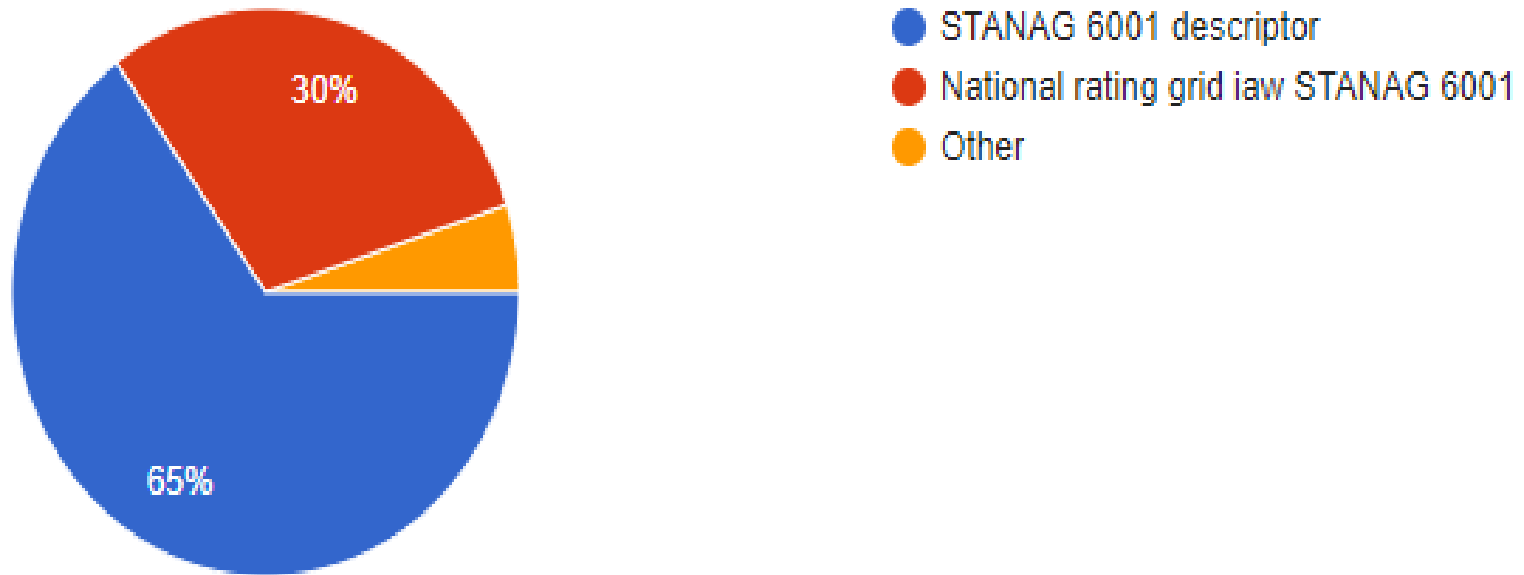
How often do you organize norming sessions for the raters?

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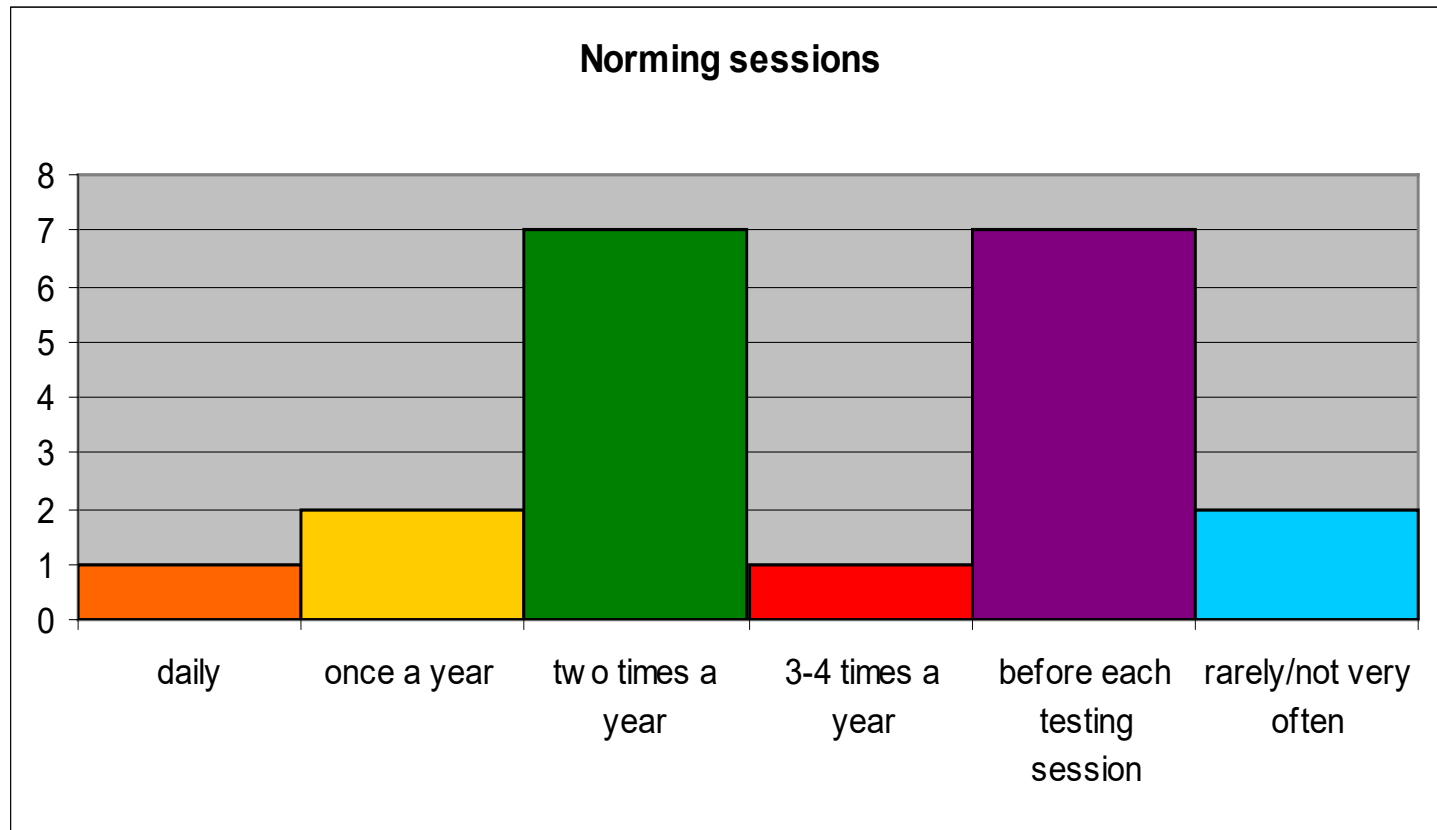
How many independent raters do you allow per writing test?

45%

45%

- one
- two
- more than two
- other

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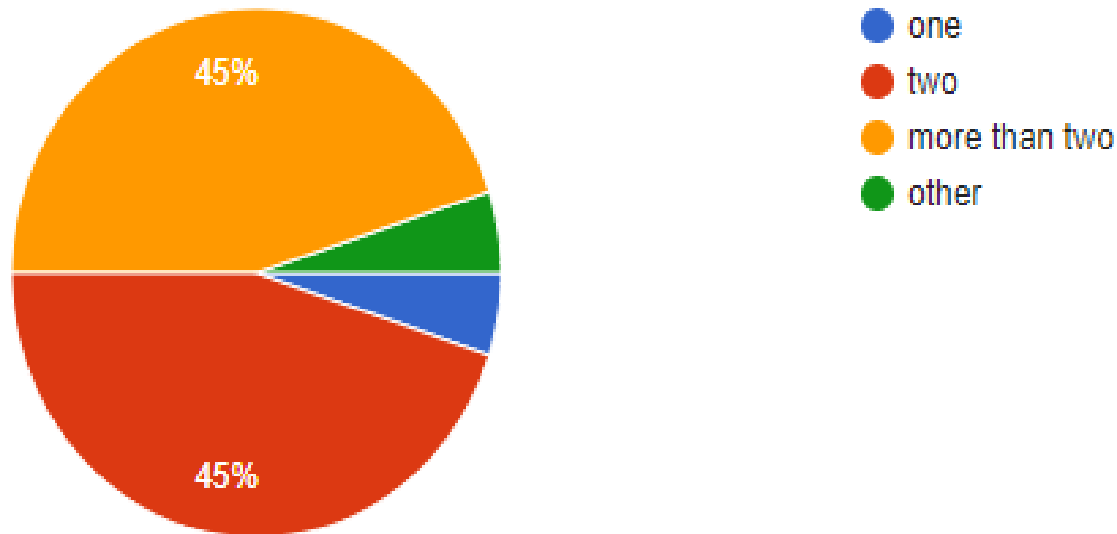
How many writing tests do you assign for one rater?

Daily	10-15/day
Per testing session	Depends on the number of candidates 35
Per level/daily	L1 – 14/daily L2 – 12/daily L3 – 7-8/daily

Ways ahead…