Appendix 5. Requirements and assessment criteria of the Maturity Test

1. The type of the text is prose essay.

2. The text shall have a title. The title and content shall match. No subheadings are used.

3. The text shall be written in such a way that it is intelligible as an entity, without bibliographic references.

4. The prescribed length of the text 400–600 words.

5. The text shall be legible. Upper and lower case letters as well as word boundaries shall be clearly distinguishable.

6. The language is assessed from the following perspectives:
   
   **Structure:**
   - The text shall be a structurally logical and coherent entity with a clear introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
   - The division of the text into paragraphs is clearly distinguishable.

   **Intelligibility and clarity:**
   - The expressed claims and their substantiation are clear and logical.
   - The professional terms are defined right, and the choices of words are accurate.
   - The sentence structure is fluent.

   **Style:**
   - The text represents academic prose.
   - There shall be no errors affecting the intelligibility of the text in the grammatical correctness or orthography of the text.

The Maturity Test may be failed if it presents major or repeating problems, or problems affecting the intelligibility of the whole text, either in its content or in some of the above-mentioned areas.