

TASKS

Listening Task 2, Questions 1-10 Listen to the briefing on a military exercise. Answer the questions below keeping your answers as short as possible. You will hear the recording twice. Now you have 30 seconds to look at the questions for Task 2.

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

Example: 0. **How often is the exercise held?**

 annually

1. **How long does the full deployment of the reaction force take?** (1 mark)

2. **What was the main objective of the exercise?** (2 marks)

3. **What units were in focus during the exercise?** (2 marks)

4. **What personnel did Germany contribute to the exercise?** (1 mark)

5. **Which German unit performed the airdrop?** (1 mark)

6. **What did the C-130 Hercules aircraft deliver?** (2 marks)

7. **What made the first jump complicated?** (1 mark)

8. **What did the participants learn during the first days?** (2 marks)

9. **Why was the exercise especially difficult for the paratroopers?** (2 marks)

10. **How did the exercise benefit NATO's land forces?** (1 mark)

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TASK 2 is worth 15 MARKS

NOTE TO THE MARKER:

Accept any other variant of the sample answer, provided that it is clear that the correct response was intended. Errors of grammar or spelling should not be penalised.

Hot Ground

1. 13 days (1 mark)
2. to coordinate strategy to handle crises on NATO's southern wing (2 marks)
3. artillery and mortar sections (2 marks)
4. 62 airmen (1 mark)
5. 37th Airlift Squadron (1 mark)
6. 100 paratroopers, howitzers and mortars (2 marks)
7. bad weather conditions (1 mark)
8. how to operate in a multinational environment (2 marks)
9. because of the lack of experience (2 marks)
10. improved the artillery capability (1 mark)

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The correct answer is *annually*

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LISTENING TASK 2 READING 1

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0 I'd like to brief you on exercise Hot Ground conducted in Sarikamis in Turkey. Exercise Hot Ground is NATO's annual live firing exercise to train its Immediate Reaction Forces for the full spectrum of operations.

1 Initial elements of this force, can mobilise within 72 hours, with the remaining force, equipment and supplies capable of deployment in thirteen days.

2 The Hot Ground military exercise planned by SHAPE was held near the south-eastern town of Sarikamis in Turkey. Units from seven allied nations arrived in the area for the exercise which was commanded by the NATO Southeast Europe Allied Land Forces Headquarters. The aim of the exercise was to coordinate strategy in order to handle any crises on NATO's southern wing.

3 Seven artillery batteries, five mortar platoons, fixed wing aircraft and helicopters plus associated supporting elements took part in Exercise Hot Ground. The exercise focused on testing the ability of the allied artillery and mortar sections to fight alongside each other as part of NATO's mobile force.

4 The German role included participation by 62 airmen supporting the airdrop mission.

5 On the first day of the exercise aircrews from the German 37th Airlift Squadron flew six C-130 Hercules aircraft from Aviano Air Base.

6 The transport planes headed for Turkish skies where they airdropped 100 paratroopers. The airdrop also included howitzers and two mortars.

7 The soldiers were eager to exit the planes but, upon stepping out of the paratroop doors, they were surprised by the vicious wind gusts that carried them quickly across the drop zone and plonked them into the mud. The Italy-based paratroopers were very surprised how cold the Training Area was. Temperatures hovered at around 4 degrees Celsius, and daily rainstorms combined with the quicksand-like mud to create a very challenging training environment.

8 The participants also had to learn how to operate under a headquarters made up of soldiers from seven different countries, who were speaking five languages. The artillerymen and mortar men spent their first days learning how to operate in a multinational environment. The biggest challenge was to adapt to their call-for-fire and air-assault procedures.

9 The exercise was especially challenging for the paratroopers. Not many of them had more than a year in the mortar platoon. Most of them had barely been in the Army a year. But the exercise proved that they could come together as a team to hold their own against soldiers from other NATO countries.

10 The exercise improved the artillery capability of NATO's light mobile land forces. Hot Ground gave a strong signal of NATO's resolve and solidarity as the contributing nations worked together in a multinational, integrated force with common procedures and shared logistic support.

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Now you have 30 seconds to complete your answers.

(Pause for 30 seconds)

LISTENING TASK 2 READING 2 (count: 2-3-4-5-)

The text will be copied later.

This is the end of Task 2.

Now you have 30 seconds to check your answers.

(Pause for 30 seconds)

This is the end of your listening exam. You may now take off your headphones and start copying your answers onto the Answer Sheet.