

MARKING GUIDE AND KEY

National University of Public Service
Language Testing Centre
NATO STANAG 6001 LEVEL 3
LISTENING PRACTICE TASKS

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.

Hungarian Response

1. 4 (1 mark)
2. an ally asked for military assistance (1 mark)
3. they were trapped in a school building near fighting **(2 marks)**
4. to secure the area **and** extract people **(2 marks)**
5. within 48 hours (1 mark)
6. it was too slow to deploy ground troops and attack helicopters **(2 marks)**
7. it marked the first time the new Force deployed all its components **(2 marks)**
8. May 13-22 (1 mark)
9. it deployed 148 vehicles and 37 aircraft **(2 marks)**
10. to provide air defence (1 mark)

Listening Task 2, Questions 1-10 Listen to the briefing on a military exercise. Answer the questions 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.

(Pause for 30 sec)

Now listen to the example.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,
Joint military exercises present US and multinational forces with realistic exercise threats that closely replicate operational challenges that military forces encounter around the world.**

The correct answer is realistic exercise threats

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LISTENING TASK 2 READING 1

Ladies and Gentlemen,

0 Joint military exercises present US and multinational forces with realistic exercise threats that closely replicate operational challenges that military forces encounter around the world.

1 Two thousand five hundred soldiers from Hungary, the United States, Italy and Slovenia converged on Kecskemét airbase to take part in the military exercise named Hungarian Response.

2 Lieutenant Colonel Caraccilo of the US Army climbed aboard a transport helicopter, aware of the delicate mission that lay ahead. The government of Derutia, a close US ally, was withering under an assault by guerrillas, and asked Washington for military assistance.

3 US forces had evacuated the US Embassy, and others were preparing to assault enemy positions. But first, Caraccilo and his troops needed to get US citizens out of harm's way. Seventeen American civilians – students, tourists, and businesspeople – were trapped in an abandoned school building near fierce fighting.

4 It was the mission of Caraccilo's taskforce to secure the area around the building and extract the stranded people. The drama was part of a training exercise last week in south-central

Hungary, and Derutia is an imaginary country. Such drills have gained urgency since September 11th.

5 Caraccilo and his troops expect to face similar real-life challenges soon. They belong to the Army's new Immediate Ready Force, which must be prepared to deploy within forty-eight hours to trouble spots in Europe, Africa, and parts of the former Soviet Union.

6 Military officers say lessons learned in Kosovo motivated them to establish a new force. When NATO went to war in 1999 to oust Yugoslav forces from Kosovo, the Army was criticized for being too slow to deploy ground troops and attack helicopters to augment airstrikes against Serbia. Soon thereafter, the Immediate Ready Force, which had been on the drawing board since 1998, was implemented.

7 To meet the new challenges, the Army has said it needs to become faster, lighter, and more mobile. Exercise Hungarian Response, which was conducted at the former Soviet MIG base, gained special significance because it marked the first time the new Force deployed all its components in the given time frame and operated in simulated combat.

8 The exercises ran from May the thirteenth to the twenty-second.

9 Prior to the exercise, the US had deployed 148 vehicles and 37 aircraft to Hungary from the US bases in Aviano, Italy, and Ramstein, Germany.

10 On the first day of the exercise, the 2000 American troops joined about four hundred Hungarian troops and about one hundred Italians. The Slovenian Forces were not deployed to the exercise location, they provided air defence from their home bases. Major General Robert Wagner, who was the overall commander of the drills, said the success of the joint exercise demonstrated the value of America's NATO allies.

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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-)

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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.