

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. **What were the dates of the exercise?**

April 22-28

1. **What was the main event of the exercise?** (1 mark)

2. **Why were the International Community people trapped in an office?** (2 marks)

3. **Why did the Multinational Specialized Forces have to intervene?** (2 marks)

4. **Which international unit was contacted for support?** (1 mark)

5. **Why did Spanish soldiers take the lead in the operation?** (2 marks)

6. **What was the purpose of the “Green Box” perimeter?** (2 marks)

7. **How did the Tactical Command Post get reports from the field?** (1 mark)

8. **What gear did the Portuguese troops test during the exercise?** (1 mark)

9. **Why did the Spanish and the Portuguese commanders meet?** (2 marks)

10. **How were the hostages taken to the airport?** (1 mark)

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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.

Joint Resolve

1. evacuation exercise (1 mark)
2. there was a riot (2 marks)
3. the local police were unable to act (2 marks)
4. the Portuguese Operational Reserve (1 mark)
5. it was their area of responsibility (2 marks)
6. to prevent new demonstrators from entering the area (2 marks)
7. through TV and thermal cameras (1 mark)
8. anti-riot equipment (1 mark)
9. to evaluate the situation (2 marks)
10. by road (1 mark)

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Now listen to the example.

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The correct answer is April 22-28

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LISTENING TASK 2 READING 1

Ladies and Gentlemen,

0 I'd like to brief you on exercise Joint Resolve which took place in the Multinational Division South-East April 22-28.

1 The aim of the exercise was to test the interoperability of the division's battle groups with other SFOR units. The main event occurred April 26, with an evacuation exercise of members of the International Community. French, German, Spanish and Portuguese troops were involved.

2 The scenario was as follows: the previous day a riot broke out, which forced a small group of members of an international organisation to take refuge in an office, surrounded by an angry crowd.

3 Normally, the law enforcement teams of the local police forces are responsible for responding to these types of missions, but this time they were unable to intervene. So the Multinational Specialised Unit took the lead.

4 Since the unrest continued to grow, the Portuguese Operational Reserve was called in as reinforcement. It is based in a theatre unit, meaning it is able and ready to intervene to support SFOR troops if needed.

5 The incident took place in the Spanish area of responsibility. Thus, the armed intervention had to be under the coordination of the Spanish soldiers.

6 The first company of the Spanish battle group started to deploy in two waves around the mob. They first established an external perimeter called the “Green Box”. Its aim was to prevent any new demonstrator from entering the area. Inside this box there was a second security cordon to hold the crowd in check.

7 The Tactical Command Post received real time information from the field. The Spanish troops deployed under the surveillance of four Kiowa helicopters equipped with machine guns and also with TV and thermal cameras which allowed them to shoot and transmit live footage.

8 A secured helicopter landing site was established by the Spanish. Later Black Hawks dropped the first group of Portuguese soldiers followed by 30 more troops dropped by the Germans. The operations gave the Portuguese a good chance to test their anti-riot equipment.

9 Two Kiowas kept watch over the demonstrators, while the others controlled the approach to the area. This was also the time when the commanding officer of the Portuguese troops met his Spanish counterpart for an evaluation of the situation.

10 After unsuccessful negotiations with the demonstrators, the Portuguese unit launched an attack, climbed up the stairs and freed the hostages. They were sheltered in the APC, which withdrew towards the “Green Box”, The soldiers were fast and efficient, thus lives were not endangered. Immediately after, Black Hawks landed and picked up the remaining soldiers to take them to the assembly point. The hostages were taken to the Spanish Camp. Later, under surveillance of the two Kiowas, the French reconnaissance unit secured the road to the international airport where a plane was waiting for the rescued hostages.

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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.