

TASK 1

Work in your assigned groups. Unscramble the introduction to *NATO Training Spectrum* and discuss its meaning.

NATO TRAINING SPECTRUM.

individual is focus defined connected NATO Spectrum to as an
having collective proficiency Training.

NATO EXERCISES

TASK 2

Read the *Aims and Objectives* part of a presentation about military exercises. Insert the missing extracts in the correct gaps.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Exercises are important tools through which the Alliance tests and validates its ____
(1) The rationale for planning and executing military exercises is to ____ (2) for
operations in times of peace, crisis and conflict. Objectives may be to build ____ (3)
or validate procedures.

A prepare commands and forces

B skills and knowledge, practise coordination mechanisms,

C concepts, procedures, systems and tactics.

TASK 3

Match the types of exercises to their descriptions. Write the correct letter A-C next to each exercise type.

TYPES OF EXERCISES

The exercises are executed in three forms:

1. **Live Exercise (LIVEX)** _____

2. **Command-Post Exercise (CPX)** _____

3. **Exercise Study** _____

A. a headquarters exercise involving commanders and their staffs, and communications within and between participating headquarters

B. an exercise in which forces actually participate

C. this may take the form of a map exercise, a war game, a series of lectures, a discussion group or an operational analysis.

TASK 4

Put the statements below in the correct order. Write 1-3 next to each paragraph.

CONDUCTING EXERCISES

_____ At the conclusion of an exercise, commanders and, in many cases, troops collectively review their performance. This process allows them to identify areas that work well ("best practices") and areas that can be improved ("lessons learned"). In this way, exercises facilitate the continuous improvement of interoperability, efficiency and performance.

_____ During an exercise, forces are asked to respond to a fictitious scenario that resembles what might occur in real life. Exercises cover the full range of military operations, from combat to humanitarian relief and from stabilization to reconstruction.

_____ They can last from a day to several weeks and can vary in scope from a few officers working on an isolated problem, to full-scale combat scenarios involving aircraft, navy ships, artillery pieces, armored vehicles and thousands of troops.

KEY NATO FORCES AND CONCEPTS

TASK 6

Watch the video about **NATO VJTF**. Choose the correct option a), b) or c) to complete the statements.

1. VJTF stands for

- a) Very Joint Task Force
- b) Very High Readiness Joint Task Force
- c) Very Rapid Task Force

2. VJTF is _____ NATO unit.

- a) a permanently deployed
- b) ready to train
- c) a rapid response

3. In 2021 VJTF was led by

- a) the Turkish Army
- b) the Romanian Army
- c) the German Army

4. In 2021 VJTF comprised

- a) 6000 soldiers from 10 countries
- b) 4600 soldiers from 12 countries
- c) 6400 soldiers from 12 countries



TASK 7

Watch Lieutenant General Roger L. Cloutier Jr, Commander Allied Land Command, explain the concept of **interoperability**. Take notes on the concept. Use the phrases in the box below.

procedures	work together	artillery
processes	synchronize	TAC aviation
control	work	together

INTEROPERABILITY

- HUMAN

- _____

- TECHNICAL

- _____

- PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

- _____

TASK 8

Watch the video entitled *24 Hours on a NATO Exercise* and answer the questions below.



What is it like to be a soldier on a NATO exercise? NATO exercises happen all year round – on land, in the air, at sea – with multinational troops from NATO Allies and partner countries. What's it like to be a soldier participating in one of these big exercises? Jake Tupman, our video producer, documented the experience while embedded with a company of Romanian soldiers on exercise Steadfast Defender 2021.

1. How many troops are present in Romania for Steadfast Defender 2021?
2. What is Romania's role on this exercise?
3. How many more weeks will the Romanian unit have to spend on the exercise?
4. Where will Jake sleep during his time with the Romanian unit?
5. What pieces of uniform and equipment does Jake Tupman receive?
6. What kind of a unit does Captain Nicolae Sima lead on this exercise?
7. What is Jake Tupman's role during the Combat Training simulation?
8. What is the mission of the Romanian company during the Combat Training simulation?

9. What is the Romanian company specialized in?

10. What is the purpose of the APCs?

11. How did the company react when they came under attack during their escorting mission?

12. What NATO structure is the Romanian company part of?

13. How large was NATO VJTF at the time of the exercise?

14. What is the purpose of exercises such as Steadfast Defender 2021 in the context of VJTF?

15. What does Jake Tupman have for dinner?

16. What time do they go to bed?

17. What time do they wake up?

18. What do the soldiers do after they wake up?