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**LEVEL 3**

**PART 2 – READING COMPREHENSION**

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Estimated time needed: 35 minutes.

• **Exercise 1 - Questions 1 to 10**

Read the texts and decide which sentence A, B or C best fits the gap. An example (0) has been done for you.

**0-** Enlisted personnel salute all commissioned officers and commissioned officers salute their superiors. \_\_\_\_\_ The officer returns the salute and will generally offer a similar greeting.

- A.** Even a recently-commissioned second lieutenant officially outranks the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.
- B.** The way in which officers salute differs from country to country and service to service.
- C.** The salute is a sign of respect towards the officer’s commission and is generally accompanied by a polite greeting.

**1-** Please refer to your joining letter for your reporting date. \_\_\_\_\_  
The nearest railway station is Basingstoke and trains depart from Waterloo station, London every 30 minutes.

- A.** On arrival, you should take a taxi from Basingstoke station to the garrison.
- B.** You will need to make your own transport arrangements to the garrison.
- C.** You are reminded that all mess bills are to be paid on a monthly basis.

**2-** The purpose of fascines is to breach ditches and other small gaps up to 3 m deep and 4.5 m wide. Fascines are cylindrical in shape. \_\_\_\_\_ They are carried in loads on the back of the Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers (AVRE).

- A.** They are generally made from plastic, but they can also be made from logs.
- B.** To deploy the fascines, the AVRE reverses, stops at the edge of the gap and then drops the fascines into the gap.
- C.** The hose is then exploded, breaching a lane approximately 180 m long and 7.5 m wide.

**3-** It was a cold, wet afternoon and I was travelling in a press convoy along a quiet road. As the convoy turned a corner, our driver stopped. A blue van was blocking the road ahead and we

were suddenly surrounded by a group of masked gunmen armed with assault rifles.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He ordered us to get out of the vehicle and to line up.

- A. Suddenly the hood was pulled off my head.
- B. One gunman opened the car door.
- C. Another forced me to lie face down on the ground.

4- Whether or not they wear a uniform, all persons directly participating in military operations are combatants. \_\_\_\_\_ All other persons, including civilians, medical personnel, chaplains, prisoners of war and enemy wounded, are considered non-combatants.

- A. Combatants are proper targets that can be attacked.
- B. They cannot be directly targeted unless they engage in hostile acts.
- C. The direct targeting of civilians is a breach of the Law of Armed Conflict.

5- On the night of March 9, 1945, 334 USAF B-29 bombers dropped a total of 1,700 tons of bombs on the Japanese capital, Tokyo. \_\_\_\_\_ The objective of the raid was to destroy Japan's ability to produce war materials as well as the Japanese Government's will to continue the war.



- A. Forty-one square kilometres of the city was destroyed and more than 100,000 civilians died in the firestorm.
- B. At this point, the Japanese Government had already decided it was not in the nation's best interests to continue the war.
- C. At that point, the US Armed Forces decided that it would be best to hold the next round of talks in Houston.

6- After last month's terrorist attack, the MOD announced that a special forces team will deploy to Giros. \_\_\_\_\_ It is believed the team will be in Giros for at least two months.

- A. It will deploy to the island to advise Giros authorities on counter-terrorist operations.
- B. Reports on the deaths of three of the terrorists have just been confirmed.
- C. The situation was described as very tense and potentially life-threatening.

7- SAS personnel are frequently deployed abroad both for team tasks – training overseas special forces operatives – and on exercise with SF operatives from other countries.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Although the SAS are considered to be one of the best CT units in the world, they have always been the first to admit that they are continually looking for better ways of doing things.

- A. The Regiment was formed during WWII.
- B. They are also sent to friendly countries to give advice or as observers.
- C. These have only increased slightly during the past few years.

**8-** I am re-sending information regarding the final arrangements for the next regional group meeting. Attached you will find a draft agenda and summary report of the last meeting.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will assume that the final draft is acceptable if no objections are raised by 1 December.

- A. Please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.
- B. It would be appreciated if you could review the attached specifications and let me have your comments.
- C. And, if you do wish to be picked up at the airport, I shall be happy to arrange this at no extra cost.

**9** It is unlawful to attack medical personnel, facilities and vehicles provided they are properly marked with a red cross or red crescent. \_\_\_\_\_ Note that it is a serious breach of the Law of Armed conflict to store weapons together with medical supplies or to place combat assets in a medical facility or vehicle.

- A. Superior orders are no defence if a crime has been committed.
- B. The direct targeting of civilians is a breach of the Law of Armed Conflict.
- C. Medical personnel may carry weapons as long as they are used only to defend a medical facility against unlawful attack.

**10-** Few people in the military today can argue that we do not need the media. Firstly, media coverage has a direct effect on public opinion. \_\_\_\_\_  
Thirdly, the media has undeniable strategic value either in simply making soldiers feel good about the work they do or by influencing the enemy.

- A. Secondly, because embeds are usually selected from national media.
- B. Next, no one could say that the media didn't do as they were requested.
- C. Furthermore, we all know that the media can influence political decisions regarding military operations.

- **Exercise 2 - Questions 11 to 20**

Read the texts and decide which sentence A, B or C best fits the gap. An example (0) has been done for you.

**0-** Cut or remove the casualty's clothing to expose the wound. You must not remove clothing stuck to the wound because additional injury may result. Do not attempt to clean the wound. The text is about ...

- A. being ambushed.
- B. wounding the enemy.
- C. administering first aid.

**11-** For security reasons, it is recommended that you travel to the barracks in civilian clothes. You are to wear the combat/field uniform of your service during normal working hours and for exercises. You are to wear dress uniform for ceremonial occasions. You will also need a suit or jacket and tie for evening wear in the mess. There will be a copy of mess dress regulations in your room, but if you have any doubts, please ask the other mess members who will be happy to advise you on the dress regulations.

This text comes from ...

- A. a copy of mess dress regulations.
- B. a set of mess rules.
- C. some joining instructions.

**12-** I was one of 12 participants on a five-day hostile environment course run by a company that specialises in survival courses for journalists, aid workers and others who work in dangerous parts of the world. With an alarming increase in the number of deaths of journalists in recent years, these kinds of courses have become so popular that some news agencies, like the BBC, will not allow journalists to travel to war zones unless they have done a recognised training course.

The importance of hostile environment training courses for journalists ...

- A. is being recognised as essential by some employers.
- B. could soon be undermined by BBC reports.
- C. appears to have dwindled in popularity.

**13-** Provided they are unarmed, wounded enemy combatants are considered to be *hors de combat*, or ‘out of the fight’, and are not to be attacked. Similarly, it is illegal to fire upon aircrew parachuting from a disabled aircraft unless they commit a hostile act. However, airborne troops (paratroopers) are lawful targets as they descend.

This Law of Armed Conflict excerpt is about ...

- A. legitimate targets.
- B. wounding hors de combat troops.
- C. providing the unarmed with weapons.

**14-** Mar 27, 5.06 p.m. I don't know about other countries, but in the UK armed forces we put a lot of emphasis on combat skills because we train for high intensity warfare and then adapt for peacekeeping. soldier\_1

Mar 27, 5.36 p.m. Sorry. That doesn't answer my question. I'm not going to let you off the hook so easily. Julie\_t

Mar 27, 5.54 p.m. One argument is that women can't do an infantryman's job since they lack the upper body strength...

The above is an excerpt from a/an ...

- A. web chat.
- B. email.
- C. manifest.



**15-** The age of modern warfare, at least in Europe, began around the middle of the 17th century. Up until this period, wars were waged by families, tribes, religious groups, cities and even businesses. The treaty of Westphalia in 1648 brought about the end of this period and from this time, the state had complete control on war and the way war was fought. Many analysts have called the period from 1648 to 1850 the first generation of modern warfare or 1GW. The Treaty of Westphalia ...

- A. changed the nature of war.
- B. altered the way in which 1GW had been viewed.
- C. proclaimed a period of peace between 1648 and 1850.

**16-** Fourth Generation Warfare (4GW) largely results from cultural, ethnic and religious conflict although it is also a product of globalisation and modern communications technologies. In 4GW, the state loses its control on war and nation states find themselves in conflict with guerrillas, insurgents, terrorists and even drug cartels. The message is that 4GW will be ...

- A. conventional.
- B. asymmetrical.
- C. cultural.

**17-** The terrain of Rafiki makes lines of communication difficult. There are a large number of unimproved dirt roads and tracks, but the only hard surface roads trafficable by heavy vehicles are Route 2 across the Wangari Highlands, Route 4, running along the coast up to Rakava and Route 4 that runs from Rakava through the Moanu Vally and across the eastern part of Odera. An appropriate heading for the text would be ...

- A. Communication.
- B. Terrain.
- C. Key Transportation.

**18-** 1 to use all necessary means to implement Resolution 470, which had called for the withdrawal of Matatan troops from the territory of Rafiki.  
2 to use all necessary means to restore international peace and security in the area.  
3 to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance and the access of international humanitarian workers to the Rafikian people in need. The above is part of ...

- A. the rules of engagement.
- B. a UN mandate.
- C. International Humanitarian Law.

**19-** Second Generation Warfare (2GW) was largely brought about by developments in firepower, communications and transport. New technologies like barbed wire and the machine gun greatly increased the destructive power employed on the battlefield with the result that the

old line and column tactics became suicidal. Thus, the aim in war became attrition – to wear down the enemy to the point of collapse. 2GW was fought by generals with no room for independence and no initiative on the part of junior commanders.

In 2GW, line and column tactics...

- A. were commonplace.
  - B. became things of the past.
  - C. improved a side's chances of winning.
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**20-** 1 I am now in a position to confirm the final dates. The meeting of the working group will be held in Budapest from 8–12 May, starting at 1000 on Monday, 8 May.

2 Please consult the attachment for the agenda for the meeting.

3 For further details please click on the link at the bottom of this message.

Regards

Captain V. K. Mallory

The text comes from a/an ...

- A. e-mail.
- B. letter.
- C. fax.

## **KEY TO READING COMPREHENSION**

### **Exercise 1**

- 1. B**
- 2. A**
- 3. B**
- 4. A**
- 5. A**
- 6. A**
- 7. B**
- 8. B**
- 9. C**
- 10. C**

### **Exercise 2**

- 11. C**
- 12. A**
- 13. A**
- 14. A**
- 15. A**
- 16. B**
- 17. C**
- 18. B**
- 19. B**
- 20. A**