

Course Review Objectives

To prepare for the exam, you should review the objectives listed below. You will do well on the exam if you can satisfactorily complete each objective.

Chapter One--Understanding War

1. Define war. List and explain the two elements of this definition.
2. List examples of the physical, mental, and moral qualities of war.
3. Define *fog* and *friction*. List examples of each.
4. Explain the essence of methodical battle. List its characteristics.
5. Explain the essence of maneuver warfare. List its characteristics.
6. Explain how subordinate efforts are focused in a decentralized style of command.
7. List and briefly explain the three levels of war.
8. Define special operations. Give an example of a special operation.

Chapter Two--Development of Modern Tactics

1. List the three generations of infantry tactics in modern warfare. For each generation, identify the characteristics regarding:
 - a. weapons
 - b. tactical dispersion
 - c. method of attack
 - d. method of defense
 - e. basic maneuver unit.
2. Explain why technology and tactics are closely related, and give an example of their relationship.
3. Explain the effect that the rifled musket and breech-loading rifle had on close-order tactics.
4. Explain the German defense in depth doctrine of 1917. List the three defensive zones, the forces within each zone, and describe the functions of each force.
5. Describe the new assault tactics which the Rohr detachment developed in 1915.
6. List the qualities required in the modern infantryman.

Chapter Three--Tactical Fundamentals

1. Define and explain the commander's intent.
2. When placed in a tactical situation and given a mission order from your commander, write the mission order you would issue a subordinate commander.
3. Define the main effort.
4. Define surfaces and gaps. Give examples of each.
5. Explain what a fire sack is.
6. When placed in a tactical situation:
 - a. Explain how you might use combined arms.
 - b. Explain why a particular feature might be key terrain.
 - c. Choose an aiming point and explain why you chose it.
 - d. When given a concept of operations, explain the significance of the main effort.
7. Explain how different types of terrain affect different types of combat units (motorized, mechanized, or light infantry) with regard to mobility, security, and effects on firepower.

Chapter Four--Training and Education

1. Explain how you should run a map exercise.
2. Explain what free play training is and why it is valuable.
3. Explain the difference between technical and tactical training. Give examples of each.
4. Explain how you should lead a critique.

COURSE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

TACTICAL FUNDAMENTALS MCI-7401/8401 (1989)

To improve this course, please complete and return this questionnaire to MCI. If you answer "no" to any of the questions, please explain your answer. Include recommendations to improve this course, as appropriate.

1. Do you feel the purpose of this course was fulfilled?

2. Did the text present the material clearly?

3. Did the examples help you learn the material?

4. Was the level of instruction appropriate to your grade and MOS?

5. Did each chapter review and exercise adequately prepare you for the exam?

6. Did the exam adequately measure your understanding of the course?

7. Was the method of testing effective?

8. Additional comments or recommendations. Please be specific.

How many hours did it take for you to complete the course, including the final exam? _____

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1. Rank:
2. MOS:
3. Current Assignment:

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