Form 6 Geography

November Exam Revision 2018

Topics – Global Location (UK) OS Map work The Oceans and Seas (Map) The John Muir Award



You will need to be able to label a world map of the oceans and seas above.

Location Knowledge

You will need to be able to locate both **physical** and **human features** on a map of the **UK**. These are Maps 3 and Maps 4 in your Global Location booklet.

Oceans and Seas

- North Atlantic Ocean
- North Sea
- English Channel
- Irish Sea

Islands

- Isle of Wight
- Isle of Man
- Shetland Isles
- Orkney Isles

Upland areas

- Lake District
- Pennines
- Grampians

Major cities of the UK (on Map 3 in your booklet)



Ordnance Survey Map Work



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You need to be able to;

- Identify **major transport routes**: A roads, B roads, Motorways, train lines.
- Identify features using 6 figure grid references.
- Identify grid squares using 4 figure grid references.
- Work out direction.
- Use the symbols in key to identify features on the map.
- Work out, by looking at **contour lines**, how high the land is.
- Measure **distance** (straight line and actual distance).



Which direction?

On the OS map you will see the symbol on the left. You should use Grid North as the starting point to working out the direction of a place.



You will usually only need to give a compass direction as a **general direction** and you will **not** need to use degrees.

You should give the direction in two points e.g. NE or SW.

You will not need to be too detailed so don't use NNE, WNW etc.



Contour Lines

Hills, slopes and mountains are represented on a map using contour lines. By studying the contour lines you can work out lots about the surrounding terrain including gradients of hills, valleys and steepness of climbs.

How are hills and mountains shown on a map? A contour is a line drawn on a map that joins points of equal height above sea level. For 1:25 000 scale maps the interval between contours is usually 5 metres, although in mountainous regions it may be 10 metres.





You can see from the picture above the link between the shape of a hill and the contours representing it on a map. Another way of thinking about contour lines is as a tide mark left by the sea as the tide goes out, leaving a line every 5 metres.

Top tip! Remember contour numbering reads up hill – in other words the top of the number is uphill and the bottom is downhill. Also remember the closer contour lines are together, the steeper the slope.



Measuring Distance on an OS Map

You can measure **straight line distances** on a map with a ruler.

To measure **actual distances** from one place to another you can use a piece of string or a strip of paper.

- 1. Take a strip of paper and place the corner edge on your starting point.
- 2. Move the paper until the edge follows the route you want to take.
- 3. Every time the route changes make a small mark on the paper.
- 4. Repeat this process until you reach your destination.
- 5. You will be left with a series of marks on your paper.
- 6. Now place the paper on the scale bar and measure the total distance.



Grid References



Eastings (along the corridor) >

It is easy to find a particular place using a grid reference.

- To start, a <u>four-figure grid reference</u> is a handy way of identifying any square on a map.
- Grid references are easy if you can remember that you always have to go along the corridor before you go up the stairs.
- To find the number of a square first use the eastings to go along the corridor until you come to the bottom left-hand corner of the square you want.
- Write this two-figure number down.
- Then use the northing to go up the stairs until you find the same corner.
- Put this two-figure number after your first one and you now have the four-figure grid reference, which looks like the example in diagram: **6233.**

6 figure Grid References



- If you want to pinpoint a more exact place on a map, such as your own house, you will need to use a six-figure grid reference.
- First find the four-figure grid reference for the square and write it down with a space after each set of numbers, like this: 62_ 33_
- Now imagine this square is divided up into 100 tiny squares with 10 squares along each side.
- Still remembering to go along the corridor and up the stairs, work out the extra numbers you need and put them into your four-figure grid reference like this in diagram E: 625 333.