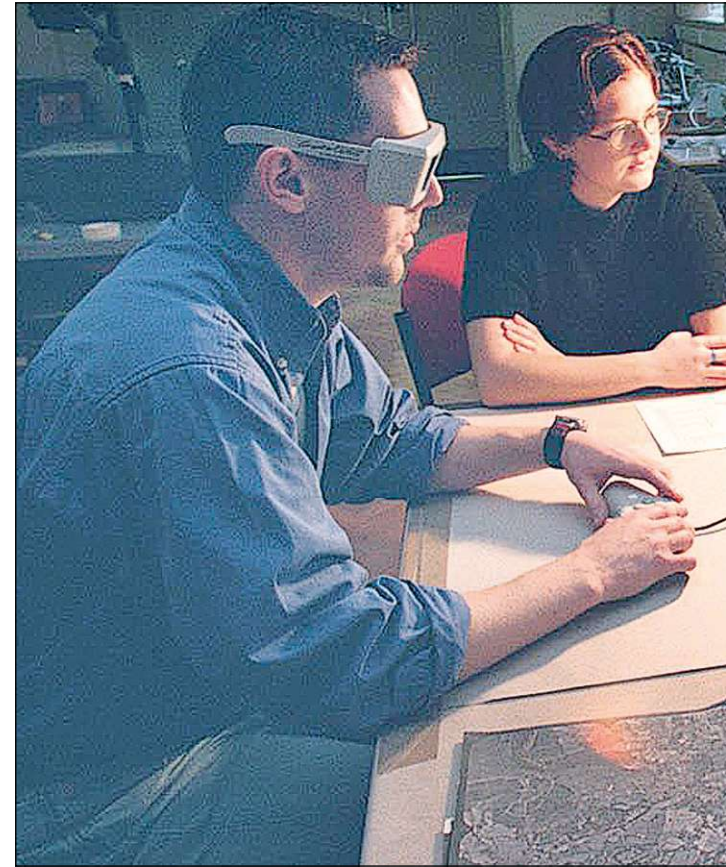


Mapping out the answers to the big questions



Geography does require you to use your skills, particularly in areas such as mapping; but with practise you can become proficient, and happy with your results

SKILL-BASED AND INPUT-BASED QUESTIONS

Many Junior Cert geography questions will require you to use geographical skills and to understand “geographical inputs” such as maps, pictures, tables of figures, graphs and even cartoons.

Such “skill and input”-based questions occur throughout the entire examination. They particularly dominate section one of the exam, which consists of 20 “short” questions and commands 40 per cent of the marks awarded.

It is most important that you get plenty of practice in answering input-based questions.

The best way of ensuring such practice is to make regular use of the workbook that accompanies your textbook. Your workbook is packed with skill and input-based questions, many of which are taken from previous Junior Cert exams.

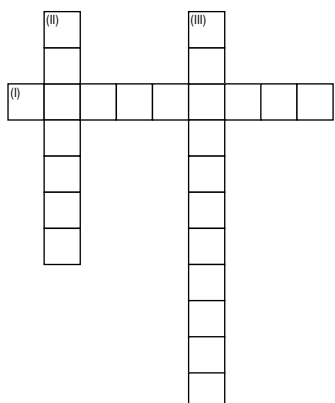
By regularly answering these questions, you will become accustomed to answering successfully the type of questions that will appear on your Junior Cert examination. You will also practise the skills that you will need to answer such questions.

The questions that follow are input- or skill-based questions, most of which have already appeared in section one of the Junior Cert examinations. When you have completed them all, check your answers against those given in the box that appears after the last question.

◆ QUESTION 1 Rocks

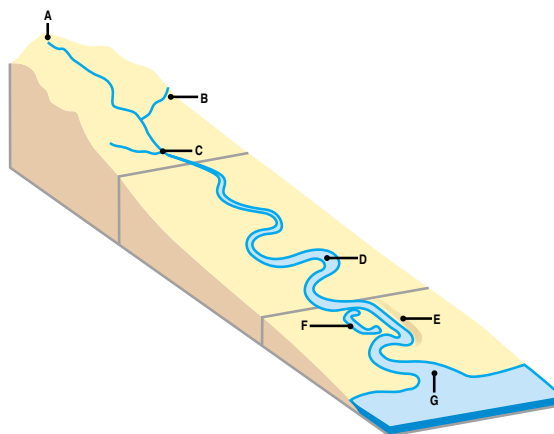
Complete the three piece crossword using these clues:

- (i) A coarse red or brown sedimentary rock found in the mountains of Munster;
- (ii) A coarse multi-coloured igneous rock;
- (iii) Rocks that are changed by great heat or pressure



◆ QUESTION 2 Rivers

In the boxes provided, match each of the letters A to G in the diagram with the number of its pair in Column X. One pair has been completed for you.



Column X	
1	Confluence
2	Estuary
3	River source
4	Ox-bow lake
5	Meander
6	Tributary
7	Levee

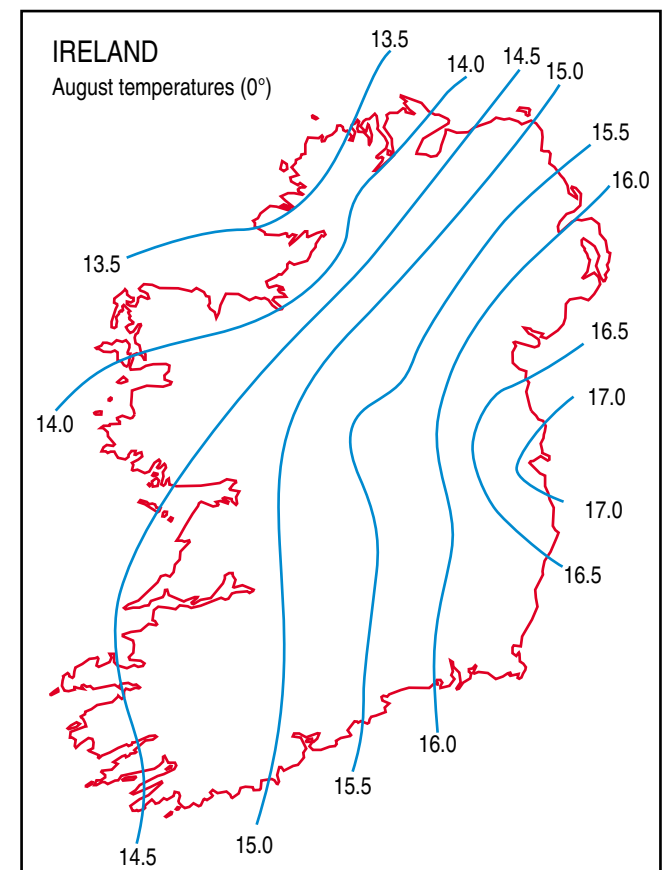
Letter	Number
A	3
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	
G	

◆ QUESTION 3 Temperature Map

Examine the August temperature map of Ireland at the end of this question. Circle the correct answer in each of the following statements:

lowing statements:

- (a) The coolest part of Ireland is in the north east/the north west;
- (b) The warmest region has a temperature of just over 17C/just under 17C;
- (c) The lines on the map joining places of equal temperature are called isobars/isotherms/isohyets/isohels;
- (d) The temperature range between the coolest and the warmest parts of the country is approximately 3.5C/30.5C;
- (e) The approximate temperature in Co Wexford is just over 16C/just under 16C



◆ QUESTION 4 Population Structure

Examine the diagram (at the end of this question) which represents the structure of the population of a small urban area.

- (a) How many males are there in the 0-4 age group?
- (b) How many people are there in the 20-24 age group?
- (c) The age group with the greatest number of people is the 0-4 age group/the 5-9 age group (Circle the correct option);
- (d) This diagram represents an area where young families/very old people make up most of the population. (Circle the correct option)