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**GRADE 12**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**MAPWORK TASK**

**MARCH 2025**

**MARKS: 60**

**DURATION: 1:30 HR**

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## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION



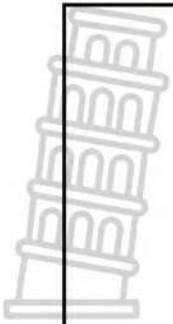
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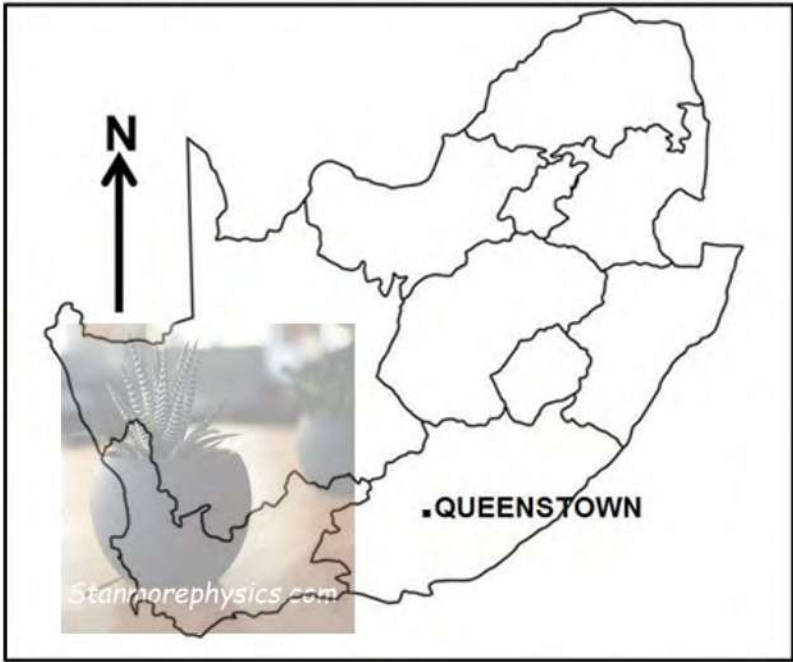
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## 1.2 CALCULATIONS

1.2.1 Calculate the difference in height between **6** in block **D4** and **7** in spot height 1567 in block **D2** on the orthophoto map. (1 x 1) (1)

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1.2.2 Calculate the Straight line distance in Metres (**M**) between **6** in block **D4** and **7** in spot height 1567 in block **D2** on the orthophoto map. (1 x 2) (2)

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**Formula:** *Average gradient* =  $\frac{\text{Vertical Interval (VI)}}{\text{Horizontal Equivalent (HE)}}$

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1.2.4 Determine the slope of the gradient calculated in **1.2.3** (1 x 1) (1)

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1.2.5 Calculate the area covered by the Orthophoto map on the Topographic map in km. (5)

**Formula:** *Area = Length x Breadth*

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1.2.6 Calculate the Magnetic Declination of Queenstown for the **current (2025)** year. (5)

Difference in years : \_\_\_\_\_

Mean Annual change: \_\_\_\_\_

Total change: \_\_\_\_\_

MD for current year : \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUESTION 2: MAP INTERPRETATION

2.1 Refer to the information sheet and topographical map to answer the following questions.

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(1x2) (2)

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(2x2) (4)

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(1 x 1) (1)

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(1 x 2) (2)

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C) Give the evidence from the map to support your answer in **B**. (1x2) (2)

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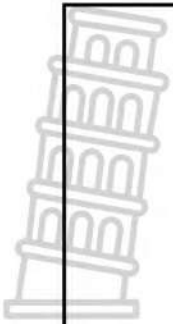
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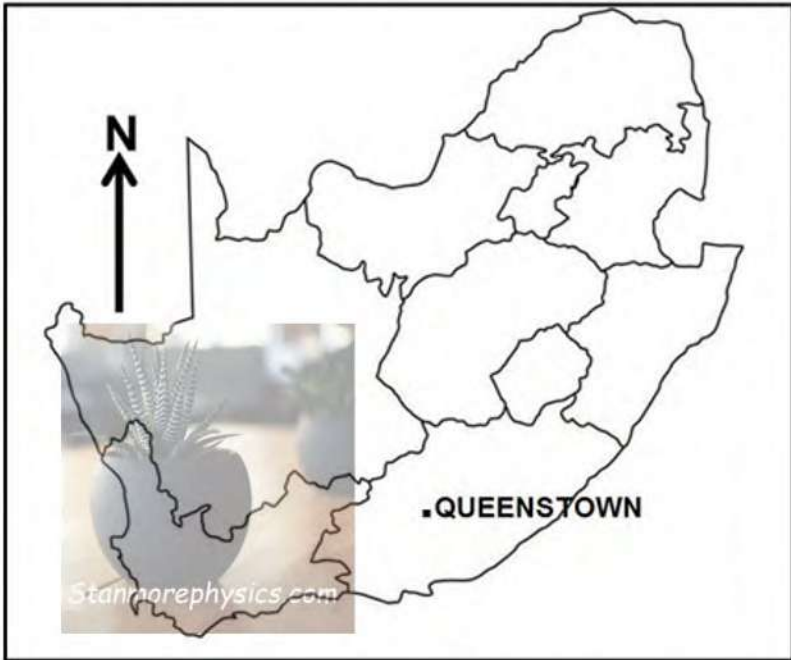
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$$D = 1567\text{m} - 1420\text{m}$$

$$= 147\text{m} \checkmark$$

1.2.2 Calculate the Straight line distance in Metres (**M**) between **6** in block **D4** and **7** in spot height 1567 in block **D2** on the orthophoto map. (1 x 2) (2)

**Straight Line Distance = Map Distance X Map Scale**

$$= 9,5 \text{ cm} \checkmark \times 100$$

(range 9,4cm-9,6cm)

$$= 950 \text{ m} \checkmark$$

(range 940m-960m)

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$$G = \frac{147}{950} \checkmark$$

$$= 1: 6,46 \checkmark$$

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**Steep.**  $\checkmark$

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**Formula:**  $\text{Area} = \text{Length} \times \text{Breadth}$

$$L = 4,2\text{cm} \checkmark \times 0,5 \text{ (range 4,1 cm- 4,3 cm)}$$

$$B = 3,8\text{cm} \checkmark \times 0,5 \text{ (range 3,7cm-3,9)cm}$$

$$= 2,1 \text{ km} \checkmark \text{ (range 2,05 km-2,15km)}$$

$$= 1,9 \text{ km} \checkmark \text{ (range 1,85km-1,95 km)}$$

$$A = 2,1 \text{ km} \times 1,9 \text{ km}$$

$$= 3,99 \text{ km}^2 \checkmark \text{ (range 3,79 km}^2\text{- 4,19 km}^2\text{)}$$

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Difference in years : 2025 – 2017 = 8 years ✓

Mean Annual change : 10' westwards ✓

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=27° 45' west of true north ✓

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**Seasonal** ✓

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(3x1) (3)

**Many reservoirs** ✓

**Many dams/ perennial water** ✓

**Many non- perennial rivers** ✓

**Many wind pumps** ✓

(ANY THREE)

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**Katabatic** ✓

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**Land cools off due to terrestrial radiation** ✓

**Cold air becomes dense and subsides** ✓

**Due to gravitational force** ✓

(ANY ONE)

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**Combination of smoke and fog.** ✓✓ (concept)

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**May cause respiratory diseases.** ✓✓ (accept examples)

**May cause accidents due to poor visibility on the road** ✓✓

**May result to acid rain that will destroy crops** ✓✓ (ANY TWO)

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**B** ✓

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**Massive igneous rock resistant to erosion** ✓✓

**Horizontal sedimentary rock resistant to erosion** ✓✓ (ANY ONE)



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**Vegetation cover is less** ✓ ✓

**Steep gradient** ✓ ✓

**Porosity of rocks less** ✓ ✓

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**Laminar flow** ✓

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**Gradient is gentle** ✓ ✓

**The contour lines are far apart** ✓ ✓

( ANY ONE)

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**Vector Data** ✓ (1)

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**Images are clear and detailed** ✓

**Images are made of many small pixels** ✓ (ANY ONE)

c) How would the high resolution map assist a tourist in navigating the area covered by the orthophoto map? (1x2) (2)

**Tourist will be able to identify/find places quickly.** ✓ ✓

**This will save travelling costs .** ✓ ✓

**And reduce travelling time.** ✓ ✓ ( ANY ONE)

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**It gives a location of a place** ✓ ✓

**It uses coordinates/ numbers** ✓ ✓

3.2

3.2.1 Define *buffering*. (2)

**Refers to the process of demarcating an area around a feature.** ✓ ✓  
(concept)

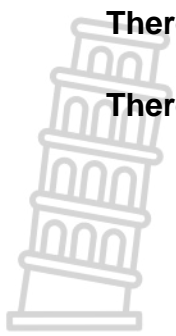
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**Rural areas have more vegetation cover** ✓ ✓

**There is low building density** ✓ ✓

**There are no geometric shapes of buildings** ✓ ✓

**There are non-perennial rivers and waters that are a moderating effect** ✓ ✓



There are no artificial surfaces ✓✓

There are no efficient drainage systems ✓✓

(ANY TWO)  
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