Field Maps and Isolines Exam Review - ANSWERS





Key		Contour interval = 50 ft					
- Road	Building	0 1 2 3 4	5 miles				

5. Circle the answer that best represents the elevation of each of the following points.

Point A	440ft			
Point B	345ft			
Point C?	630ft			
Point D?	420ft			

6. highest possible elevation of point E = 699ft

Task 3: Measuring Distances

Use the map on the top of the page to measure the distances between the following points:

- 7. B to D 2.7 miles
- 8. B to E **2.8 miles**
- 9. A to C 7.1 miles

Task 4: Drawing Isolines

The map below represents temperatures of a field measured in degrees Celsius.

10. isotherms



Task 5: Gradients: Greatest (Steepest) versus Least (Most Gradual)

Use the temperature field map above to answer the following questions:

- 12. greatest temperature gradient SW (lines closest together)
- 13. least temperature gradient SE (lines farthest apart)

Task 6: Calculating Gradient

14. (3) 10 m/km

Gradient = change in field value / distance

- G = 120-90 feet / 3 miles
- G = 10 ft/mi
- 15. Write the formula, substitute data, and solve with correct units.

Gradient = change in field value / distance

G = 500 – 420 feet / 2 miles

G = 40 ft/mi



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Task 7: Determining the Direction a River Flows

- 16. Rivers always flow from high to low elevations. (Rivers flow downhill.)
- 17. Contour lines bend upstream. (Contour lines make "V-shapes" when crossing a river. The open part of the V points in the direction of river flow.)
- 18. (3) north to south
- 19. (3) north
- 20. River X flows: from NE to SW (toward the SW)
- 21. River Y flows: from W to E (toward the E) (it is slightly to the SE)



Task 8: Hills versus Depressions

- 22. 20 meters
- 23. 419 meters



24. 149 meters





Task 9: Interpreting Topographic Profiles

26. Which of the following pictures best represents the landscape between points A and B?





Task 10: Drawing a Topographic Profile





28. If all of your points fall into the open circles, you would receive full credit.

