

Topographical Assessment Guidelines

The Topographical assessment guidelines provide more detail about the assessment. Your assessment could be carried out in paper format, or may be computer based. If your assessment is computer based, you will need a basic understanding of how to use a mouse.

Assessment Structure

The assessment will test all aspects of map reading skills:

- Using indexes to identify points/locations
- Using a map to identify directions and points/locations
- To plan a route between two locations
- To demonstrate knowledge of compass points within directional based questions

Index based questions

This section will assess your ability on how to use the different indexes within an atlas.

Example Question: Identify the grid reference and page number of Parliament Street, London.

General Topography

This section will assess your ability on how to use the different maps within an atlas.

Example Question: What direction is London City Airport from central London?



Planning a route

This section will assess your ability to plan a route between two locations.

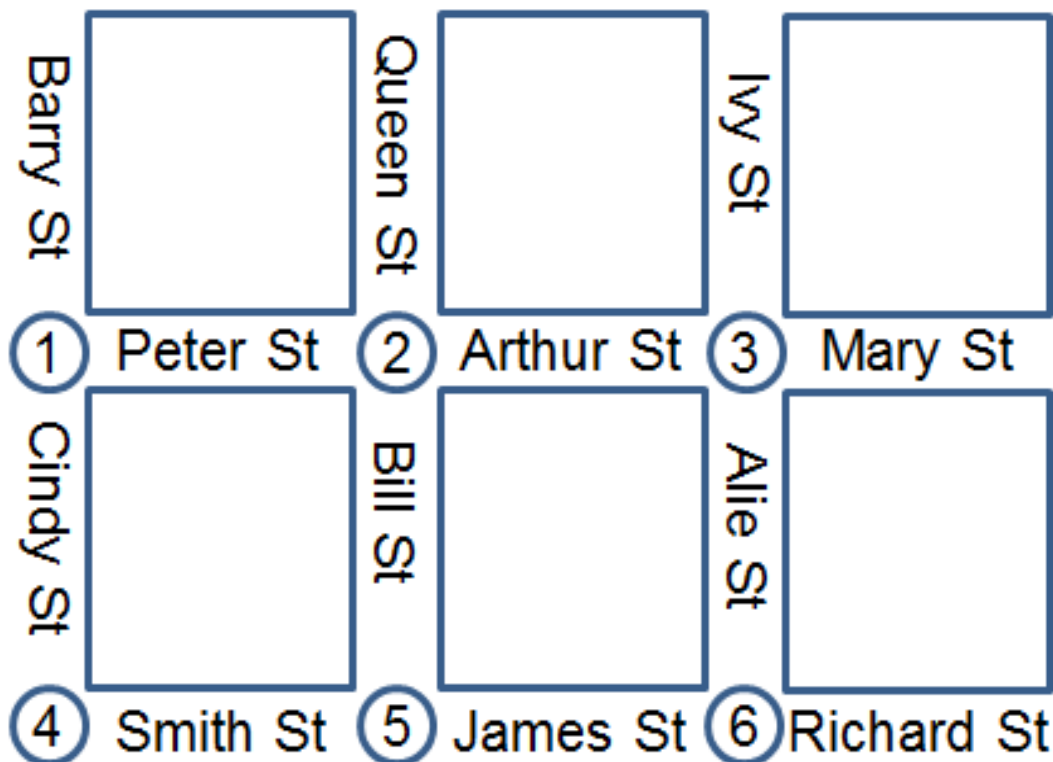
Example Question: What is the most direct route from London Zoo to Piccadilly Circus?

A short video to provide guidance on how you may be expected to plot a route within the online assessment can be found at our web page tfl.gov.uk/topographical

Compass point questions

You may be asked scenario based questions based on the compass points

Example Question: You start at junction 1 and travel 2 streets east. Then you travel 1 street south. What junction number are you at now?



Marking Criteria

There are a total of 100 marks available and candidates must score 60 or more to pass.

Questions asking you to plot the most direct route from a start point to an end point carry the most marks. The points available per questions are published within the assessment. You will lose marks if:

- Not following the most direct route
- Not correctly addressing map symbols (eg: one way systems, roundabouts)
- Not arriving at the end location

All assessments are subject to a two step marking procedure.

Assessments are marked by a skilled Topographical Assessor and then put through a quality assurance process where they are checked by a second assessor before the results are issued.

Please note, we are unable to provide detailed individual feedback or to provide copies of assessments.