

## Question 7 Georgia's always on my mind Solution

**B1.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
O	K	F	A	B	M	J	G	I	C	E	L	N	H	D

**B2.** 'Station Square' is pronounced **sadguris moedani**

**B3.** 'Medical' is pronounced **sameditsino**

### Explanation

Although this may look complex because of the unfamiliar alphabet, it is actually quite a simple decoding question, once you realise that Georgian is a straightforward alphabet with consonants and vowels much like ours.. There are several "entry points" to the code, any one of which will get you started, after which you just have to patiently fill in the letters.

One entry point would be the fact that there are two stations with "University" in their name, and two stations ending in უნივერსიტეტი (two of only three with two-word names). So you might reasonably try to match up the letters. The Georgian is actually *universiteti*, but the first part of the word will give you 6 or 7 letters. Another "way in" is to look for similar names such as three ending in *-ishvili* matching up with იშვილი. You could also count letters: *Isani* is the only 5-letter name, *Didube* the only 6-letter name. Or you could use the picture, the title of which, you might guess, says *Tblisis Metro*.

How do you know which university is which? One is *sameditsino*, the other *texnikali*. To be fair, the *x* (pronounced like Irish/German/Welsh *ch*) doesn't appear anywhere else. But it's not hard to guess is it?

Here is the Georgian alphabet: not all the letters appeared in the data

ა ბ გ დ ე ვ ზ თ ი კ ლ მ ნ ო პ ჟ რ ს ტ უ ფ ქ ღ ყ შ ჩ ც ძ თს ძვ ჯ ხ ჯ  
a b g d e v z t i k l m n o p zh r s t u p x gh q sh ch ts dz ts'ch kh j

Actually there are five more letters which are not used in modern Georgian.