Question 7 Georgia’s always on my mind Solution

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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 ოქროპი. 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

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.