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Lesson 7 – Introduction to Maps

The absolute location of Sri Lanka (National (Metric) Coordinates)

- Location of any place on the 1:50 000 Topographic map of Sri Lanka can be identified in two ways.
 - 1. According to latitudinal and longitudinal values.
 - 2. According to national (metric) coordinates.
- The absolute location of Sri Lanka

North Latitudes 50. 55' to 9°51'

East Longitudes 790 .42' to 810 .52'

- On the 1:50 000 Topographic maps values of latitudes and longitudes have been marked at 5-minute intervals.
- While values of latitudes and longitudes are marked along the border line, places where the latitudes and the longitudes intersect are marked by the symbol of + on the map face.
- This information is useful to find the absolute location of any place in Sri Lanka.
- The Peak of Pidurutalagala mountain has been selected as the base point to prepare this metric grid system.
- The point of origin of this grid system is located in the Indian ocean.

Activities.

- 1. Mention the absolute location of Sri Lanka.
- 2. What is the symbol that uses to identify the places where the latitudes and the longitudes intersect?
- Mention two information that help to find the absolute location of any place when using 1;50000 topographic map of Sri Lanka.
- 4. Which place has been selected as the base point to prepare the metric grid system?