THE CLASSIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL ENTITIES AND GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

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The National Geographical Institute, being a public cartographic establishment, classifies geographical names and the objects to which they refer not only according to the nature of the objects but also in the light of traditional conventional symbols. The Institute’s classification is not as systematic as it would be if it were a classification directed towards the geographical names alone, regardless of the technology applied to them. It suffers, too, from limitations imposed by a two-figure code, which is used for automatic data processing. However, since the classification has a definite practical value, it is reproduced below in detail together with the relevant code-numbers.

1. Miscellaneous objects
   00 Road, avenue, track, ride, fire-break, path
   01 Roundabout, crossroads, square
   02 Bridge, foot-bridge, ford, tunnel, arch
   03 Monument, cross, statue, tumulus, dolmen, menhir, inscribed stone
   04 Marker post, pylon, transformer, electricity sub-station
   05 Ruin, remains
   06 Water-tower, reservoir
   07 Spring, tapped spring, fountain, well, wash-house, resurgence
   08 Quarry, sand-pit, marl-pit, mushroom bed, gravel-pit
   09 Fish farm
   10 Lock
   11 Hole, cave, swallow-hole, chasm, cavern
   12 Beacon
   13 Viewpoint, observatory
   14 Pool, pit
   15 Characteristic tree
   16 Road numbers and special cartographic information
   17 Sports ground, racecourse
   18 Cemetery

2. Named places
   19 Named place, meadow pasture, grassland, arable land, vineyard, field, clearing, heath, brushwood

3. Woods and forests
   20 State forest
   21 Forest
   22 Wood, grove, park

4. Populated places
   23 Prefecture
   24 Sub-prefecture
   25 Canton
   26 Municipality
   27 Hamlet
   28 Isolated group of buildings
   29 District, quarter
   30 Group of dwellings
   31 Isolated house
   32 Forest lodge, chalet, mountain refuge
   33 Country house, estate
   34 Farm, agricultural tenement

5. Hydrography
   35 Hut, shed, shelter, shack, store, warehouse, wine depot, barn, pen, glasshouse
   36 Market, covered market
   37 Sheep farm, livestock station
   38 Official building, public hall
   39 Railway station, bus or coach station, marine terminal, air terminal, halt
   40 Airfield
   41 Penitentiary establishment
   42 Health establishment
   43 Teaching or research establishment
   44 Religious establishment
   45 Industrial establishment, pumping station, slaughter-house
   46 Mine
   47 Tower
   48 Mill
   49 Citadel, fort, blockhouse
   50 Barracks, quarters
   51 Military camp
   52 Training ground
   53 Deconsecrated church
   54 Religious building
   60 Ocean, sea
   61 Island
   62 Peninsula
   63 Strait
   64 Isthmus
   65 Cape
   66 Bay
   67 Rock, reef
   68 Beach, strand
   69 Lighthouse, light
   70 Harbour, quay, dike, pier
   71 Marine activity; salt-pan, oyster-bed etc.
   72 Estuary, mouth
   73 River
   74 Stream
   75 Brook, torrent, cascade, ditch
   76 Lake, pond
   77 Aqueduct
   78 Marsh, peat-bog, swamp, fen, moat
   79 Canal
   80 Dam, sluice

6. Orography
   81 Mountain, aiguille, peak, pinnacle, summit, point, massif
   82 Ridge, crest
   83 Hillside, slope, rise, flat, flank, shelf, ledge
   84 Mountain range
   85 Plateau
   86 Valley, vale, glen, ravine, transverse valley, coomb, gorge, defile, thalweg
   87 Hill, hummock, bank, mound
   88 Pass, saddle
   89 Basin, dolina, closed basin, hollow, amphitheatre
   90 Plain
   91 Glacier, firn, crevasse
   92 Dune, sand
   93 Rocks, scree, landslip

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