

## **ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION**

### **1. Detailed Mission analysis**

**a. Mission/intent of commander 2 levels up**

**b. Mission/intent of immediate commander**

**c. Tasks & purpose/specified & implied**

**d. Mission essential tasks**

**e. Constraints & limitations**

**f. Restated mission**

**g. Tentative time schedule**

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### **2. Estimate situation/develop course of action**

#### **a. Terrain & weather - effects on personnel & equipment**

#### **OCOKA**

**Visibility/trafficability  
mobility/survivability**

#### **b. Enemy situation & COA**

**Intentions**

**Capabilities**

**Disposition**

**Composition**

**Strengths**

**Weaknesses**

**Weapons/units**

**Most probable COA based  
on doctrine/situation**

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### **c. Friendly situation**

**Troops available**

**Equipment available**

**Time available**

### **d. Friendly COA (repeat for each COA)**

**Decisive point & time to focus combat power**

**Results that must be achieved**

**Purposes & tasks of main & supporting efforts**

**Task organization to accomplish mission**

**Control measures**

### **e. Prepare a COA statement & sketch**

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### **3. Analyze COAs**

#### **Mission specific factors**

**mission essential tasks**

**commander's intent**

**relative effectiveness**

**logistic support**

#### **General Factors**

**characteristics of offense and  
defense**

**METT-T**

**weapon utilization**

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<b>4. Compare Courses of Action considering how well the COA:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Supports scheme of maneuver</b>			
<b>Helps command &amp; control</b>			
<b>Concentrates combat power at decisive point</b>			
<b>Forces provide mutual support</b>			
<b>Responds to maneuver elements &amp; reserve</b>			

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<b>Exploits enemy weakness</b>			
<b>Accounts for weather</b>			
<b>Uses best avenue of approach</b>			
<b>Provides enough maneuver space</b>			
<b>Maximizes observation &amp; ranges of weapon systems</b>			
<b>Provides cover &amp; concealment</b>			

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4. Compare Courses of Action considering how well the COA:	1	2	3
Considers obstacles			
Controls key terrain			
Helps speed of execution			
Does not require adjustment of unit positions			
Uses all HQs			
Requires normal CSS			
5. Decision			