

# GCE Examinations

# Decision Mathematics Module D1

Advanced Subsidiary / Advanced Level

Paper E

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

## *Instructions and Information*

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Candidates may use any calculator except those with a facility for symbolic algebra and/or calculus.

Full marks may be obtained for answers to ALL questions.

Mathematical and statistical formulae and tables are available.

This paper has 7 questions.

## *Advice to Candidates*

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You must show sufficient working to make your methods clear to an examiner.  
Answers without working will gain no credit.



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1. (a) Make plane drawings of each of the graphs shown in Figure 1.

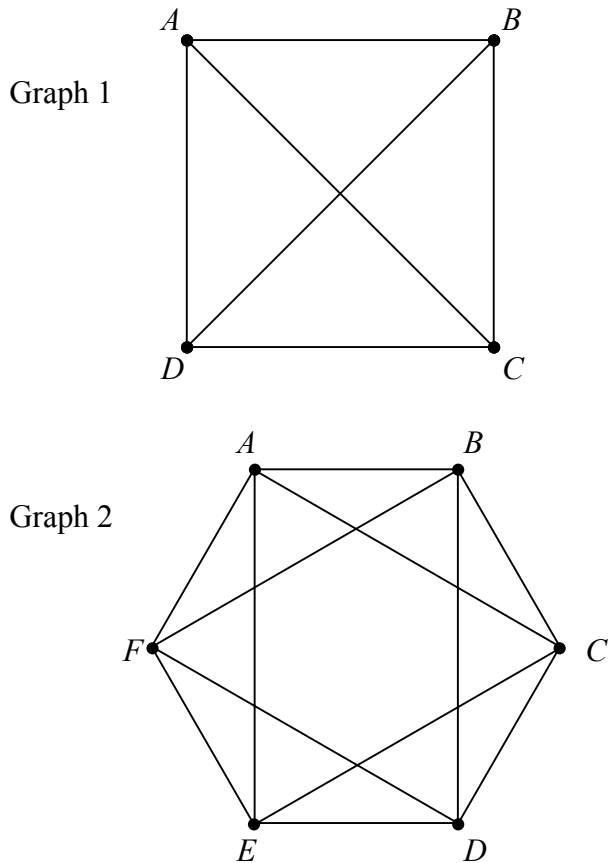


Fig. 1

**(3 marks)**

- (b) State the name given to Graph 1 and write down the features that identify it.

**(2 marks)**

- (c) State, with a reason, whether it is possible to add further arcs to Graph 2 such that it remains a simple connected graph. No further vertices may be added.

**(1 mark)**

2. *This question should be answered on the sheet provided.*

A builder is going to put up houses on a plot of land of area  $12\,000\text{ m}^2$ .

There are 5 designs to choose from and no more than one of each design can be built.

Design	Kendal	Milverton	Arlington	Elford	Grosvenor
Plot area ( $'000\text{ m}^2$ )	3	11	3	5	10
Value ( $\text{£}'000\text{ s}$ )	100	190	40	80	120

The builder needs to work out which houses he should build in order to maximise the total value of the site. He does this using a tree diagram and each “branch” on the tree is terminated when the total area of land on that branch exceeds  $12\,000\text{ m}^2$ .

- (a) (i) Complete the tree diagram so that each branch is terminated or all choices have been considered.
- (ii) Hence, determine which designs the builder should use and the total value that the site will have when completed.

**(6 marks)**

- (b) Explain how this method could be altered if more than one of each design is allowed.

**(1 mark)**

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3. (a) Draw a graph with 6 vertices, each of degree 1. **(1 mark)**

- (b) Draw two graphs with 6 vertices, each of degree 2 such that:

(i) the graph is connected,

(ii) the graph is not connected.

**(2 marks)**

A simple connected graph has 5 vertices each of degree  $x$ .

- (c) Find the possible values of  $x$  and explain your answer.

**(2 marks)**

- (d) For each value of  $x$  you found in part (c) draw a possible graph.

**(2 marks)**

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*Turn over*

4. A company produces  $x_1$  finished articles at the end of January,  
 $x_2$  finished articles at the end of February,  
 $x_3$  finished articles at the end of March,  
 $x_4$  finished articles at the end of April.

Other details for each month are as follows:

Month	January	February	March	April
Demand at end of month	200	350	250	200
Production costs per article	£1000	£1800	£1600	£1900

The cost of storing each finished but unsold article is £500 per month. Thus, for example, any article unsold at the end of January would incur a £500 charge if it is stored until the end of February or a £1000 charge if it is stored until the end of March.

There must be no unsold stock at the end of April.

The selling price of each article is £4000 and the total profit (£ $P$ ) must be maximised.

- (a) Rewrite  $x_4$  in terms of the other 3 variables. **(1 mark)**

- (b) Show that the total cost incurred (£ $C$ ) is given by:

$$C = 600x_1 + 900x_2 + 200x_3 + 1\,125\,000. \quad \textbf{(5 marks)}$$

- (c) Hence, show that  $P = 600x_1 - 900x_2 - 200x_3 + 2\,875\,000$ . **(1 mark)**

- (d) Three of the constraints operating can be expressed as  $x_1 \geq 200$ ,  $x_2 \geq 0$  and  $x_3 \geq 0$ . Write down inequalities representing two further constraints.

**(2 marks)**

- (e) Explain why it is not appropriate to use a graphical method to solve this problem.

**(1 mark)**

- (f) An employee of the company wishes to use the Simplex algorithm to solve the problem. He tries to generate an initial tableau with  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  as the non-basic variables.

Explain why this is not appropriate and explain what he should do instead. You are not required to generate an initial tableau or to solve the problem.

**(2 marks)**

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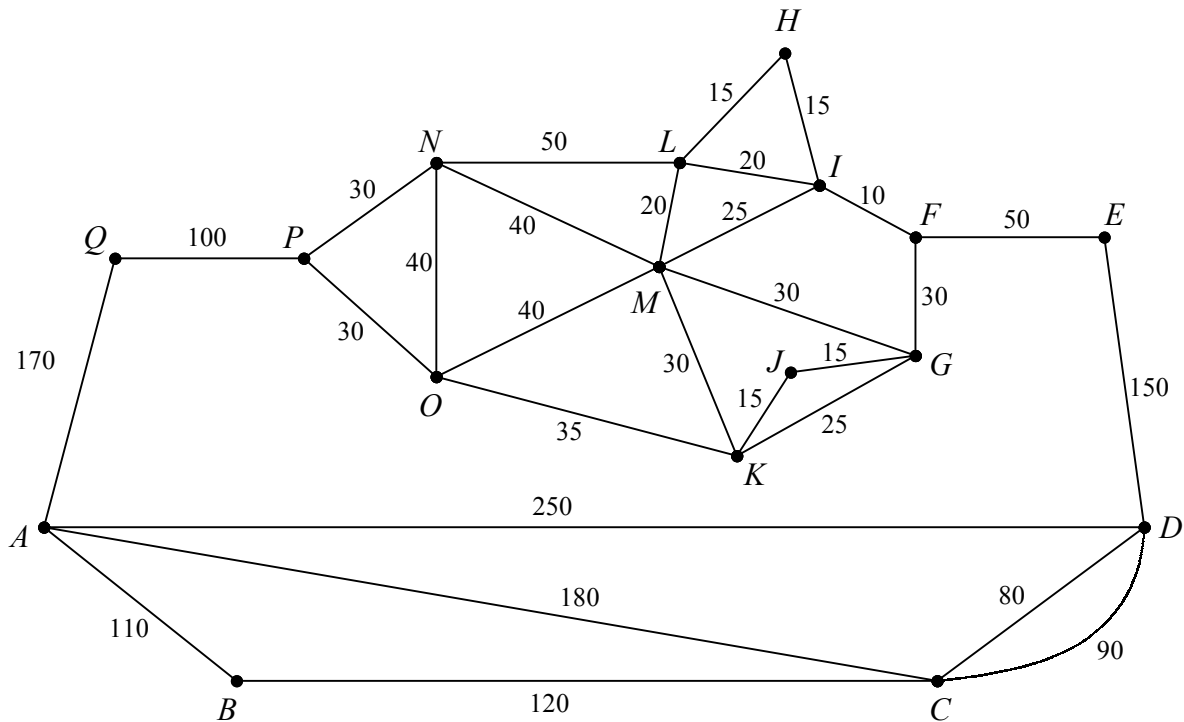


Fig. 2

Figure 2 shows a weighted network representing the paths in a certain part of St. Andrews. The numbers on the arcs represent the lengths of the paths in metres.

- (a) Use Dijkstra's algorithm to find a route of minimum length from  $P$  to  $F$ . You do not need to consider routes via vertex  $Q$ .

You must show clearly:

- (i) the order in which you labelled the vertices,
- (ii) how you found a route of minimum length from your labelling. **(8 marks)**

Each night a security guard walks along each of the paths in Figure 2 at least once.

- (b) The security office is at vertex  $A$ , so she must start and finish her inspection at  $A$ . Find the minimum distance that she must walk each night.

**(4 marks)**

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6. This question should be answered on the sheet provided.

A town has adopted a one-way system to cope with recent problems associated with congestion in one area.

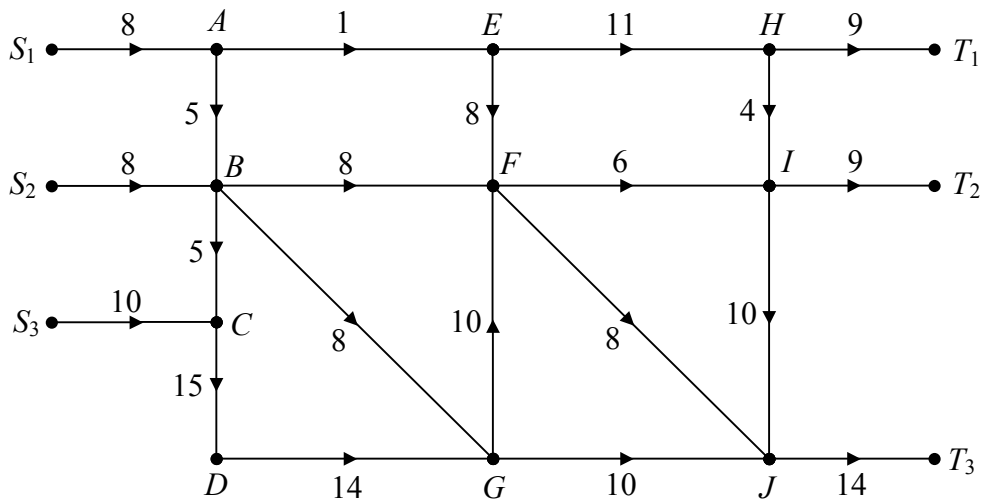


Fig. 3

Figure 3 models the one-way system as a capacitated directed network. The numbers on the arcs are proportional to the number of vehicles that can pass along each road in a given period of time.

(a) Find the capacity of the cut which passes through the arcs  $AE$ ,  $BF$ ,  $BG$  and  $CD$ .

**(2 marks)**

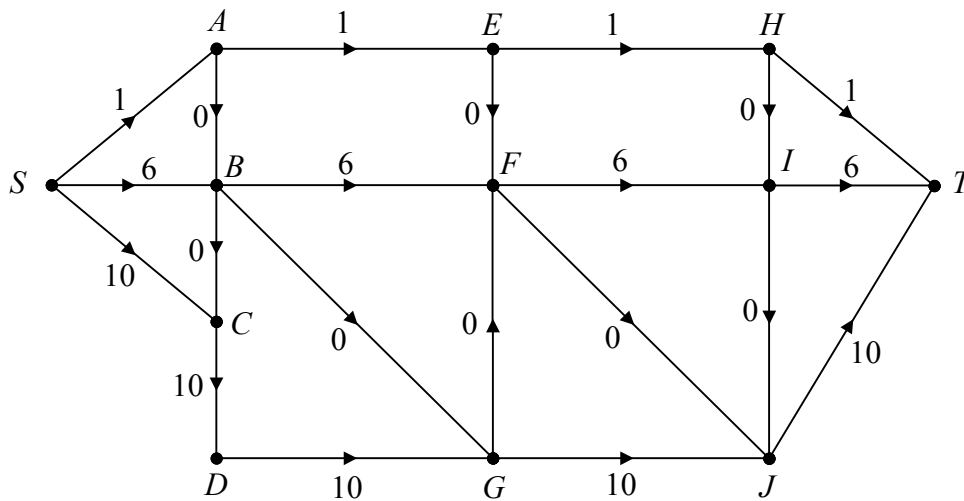


Fig. 4

Figure 4 shows a feasible flow of 17 through the same network. For convenience, a supersource,  $S$ , and a supersink,  $T$ , have been used.

- (b) (i) Use the labelling procedure to find the maximum flow through this network. You must list each flow-augmenting route you use together with its flow.
- (ii) Show your maximum flow pattern and state its value. **(7 marks)**
- (c) Prove that your flow is the maximum possible through the network. **(2 marks)**
- (d) It is suggested that the maximum flow through the network could be increased by making road  $EF$  undirected, so that it has a capacity of 8 in either direction.

Using the maximum flow-minimum cut theorem, find the increase in maximum flow this change would allow.

**(2 marks)**

- (e) An alternative suggestion is to widen a single road in order to increase its capacity. Which road, on its own, could lead to the biggest improvement, and what would be the largest maximum flow this could achieve.

**(2 marks)**

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*Turn over*

7. A project involves six tasks, some of which cannot be started until others have been completed. This is shown in the table below.

Task	Duration (minutes)	Immediate predecessors
<i>A</i>	18	–
<i>B</i>	23	–
<i>C</i>	13	<i>A, B</i>
<i>D</i>	9	<i>A</i>
<i>E</i>	28	<i>B, D</i>
<i>F</i>	23	<i>C</i>

- (a) Draw an activity network for this project. **(4 marks)**
- (b) By labelling your network, find the critical path and the minimum duration of the project. **(3 marks)**
- (c) Find the float time of each non-critical activity. **(3 marks)**

An extra condition is now imposed. Task *A* may not begin until task *B* has been underway for at least 10 minutes.

- (d) Draw a new network taking into account this restriction. **(3 marks)**
- (e) Find a revised value for the minimum duration of the project and state the new critical path. **(3 marks)**

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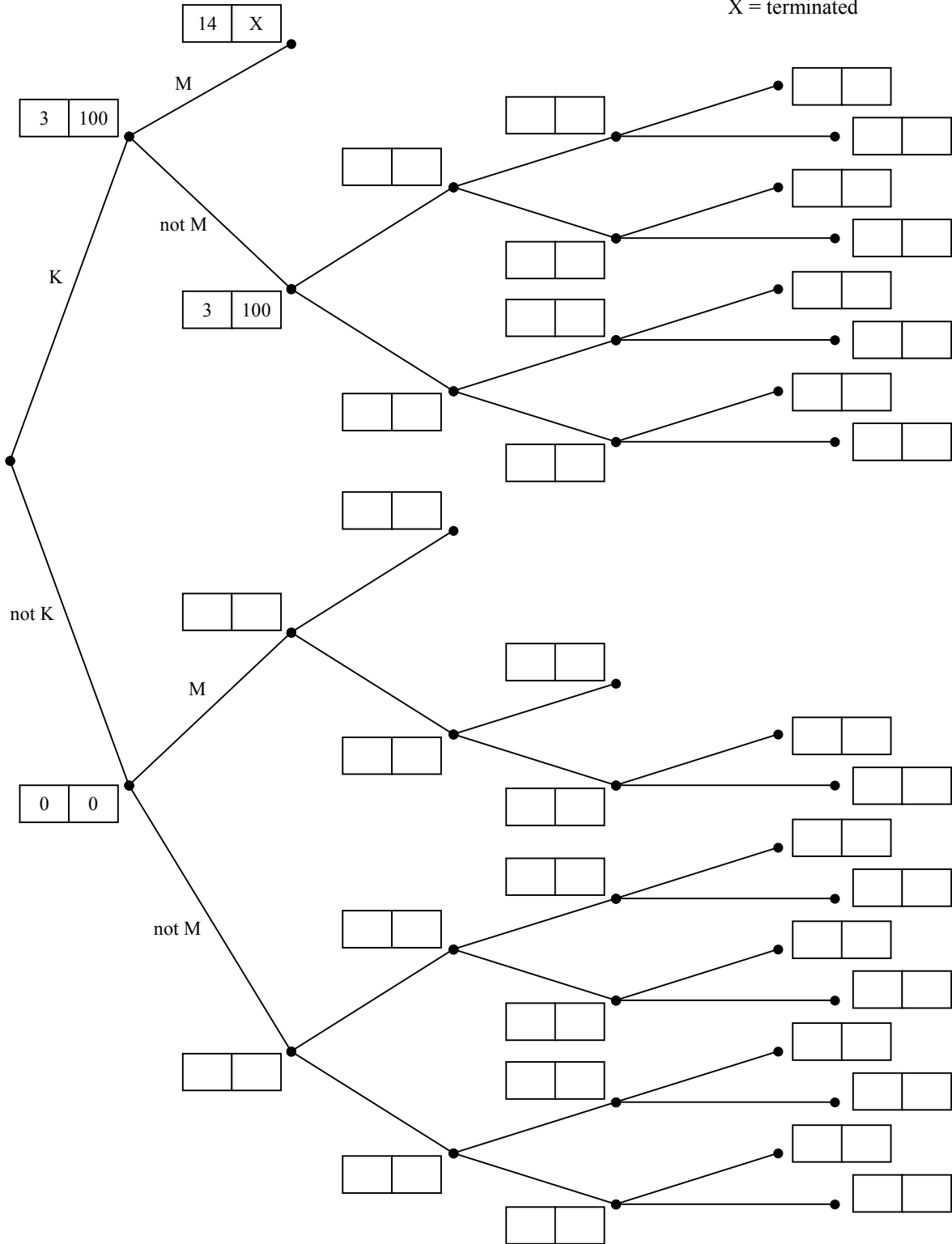
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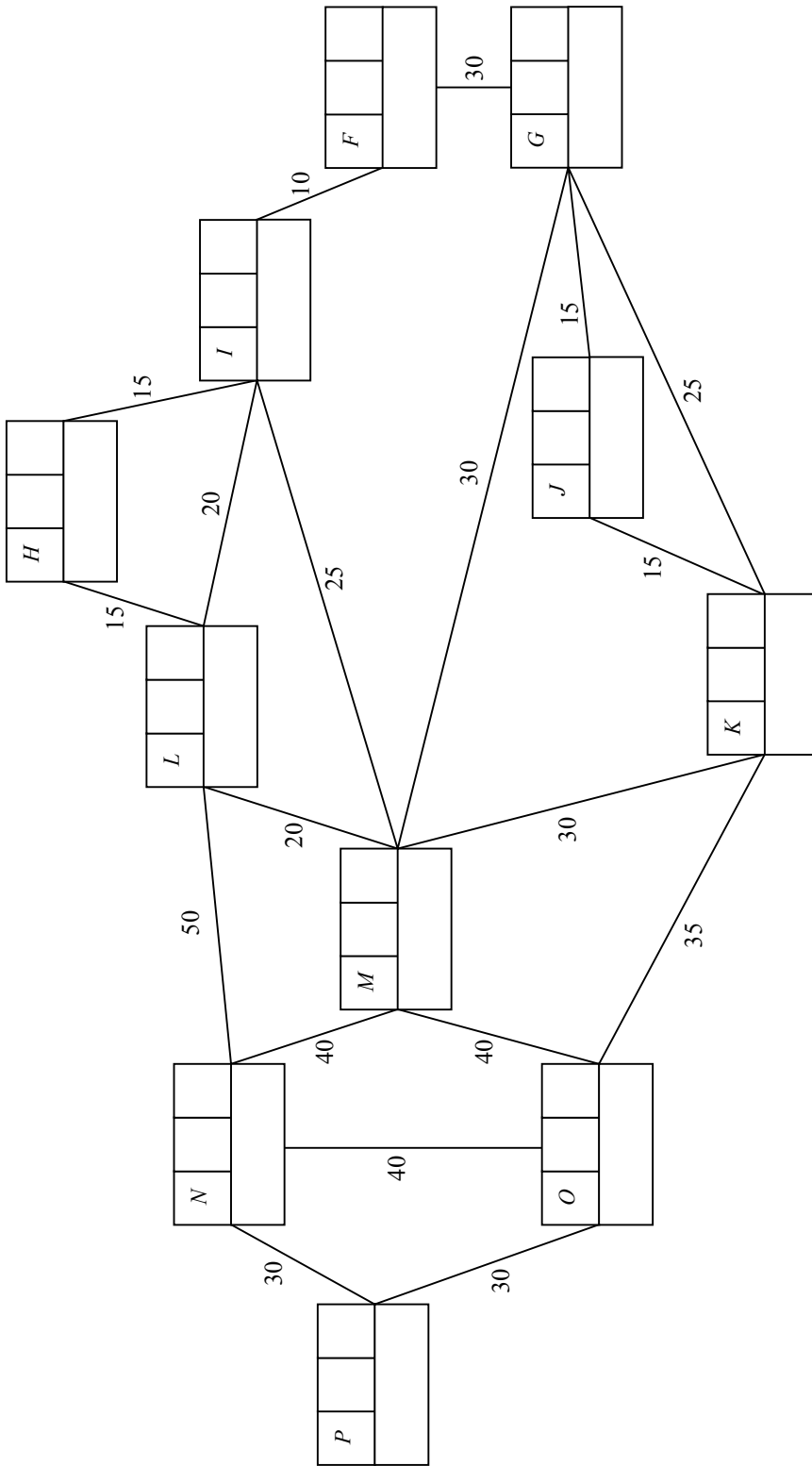
Area of land ('000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Value (£ '000s)

X = terminated



- (a) .....
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- (b) .....
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(a)

Vertex	Order of labelling	Final label
Working values		

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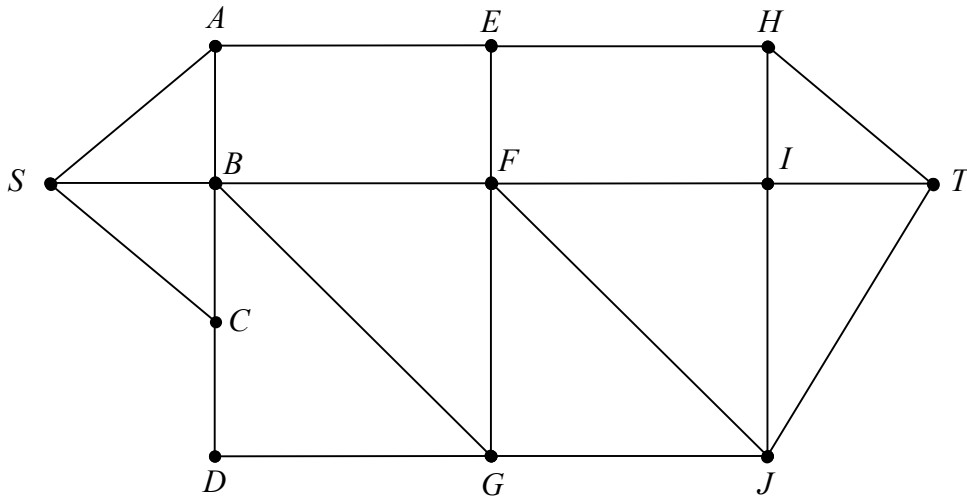
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(b)

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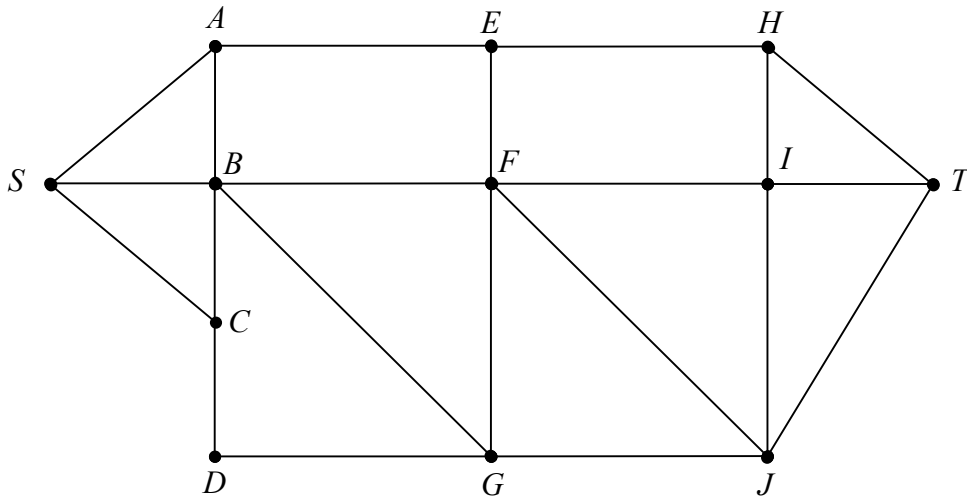
(a) .....

(b) (i)



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(ii)



Maximum Flow = .....

(c) .....

(d) .....

(e) .....