

Pearson Edexcel AS Further Mathematics 8FM0

Decision 2 – 2 Flows in Networks

Time allowed: 45 minutes

School: www.CasperYC.club

Name:

Teacher:

Question	Points	Score
1	9	
2	13	
3	10	
4	10	
Total:	42	

How I can achieve better:

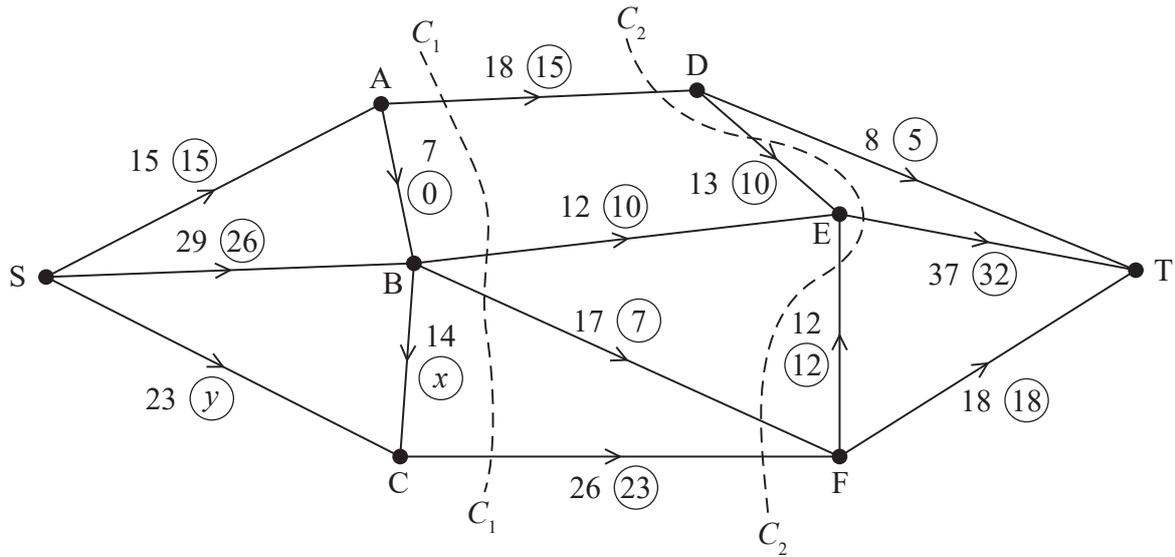
-
-
-

Last updated: February 3, 2026



8FM0 Unit Test – Decision 2 – 2 Flows in Networks

1. Figure below shows a capacitated, directed network of pipes.



The number on each arc represents the capacity of the corresponding pipe. The numbers in circles represent a feasible flow from S to T.

- (a) i. Find the value of x . [2]
 ii. Find the value of y .
 (b) List the saturated arcs. [1]

Two cuts, C_1 and C_2 , are shown above.

- (c) Find the capacity of [2]
 i. C_1
 ii. C_2
 (d) Write down a flow-augmenting route, using the arc CF, that increases the flow by two units. [1]
 units.

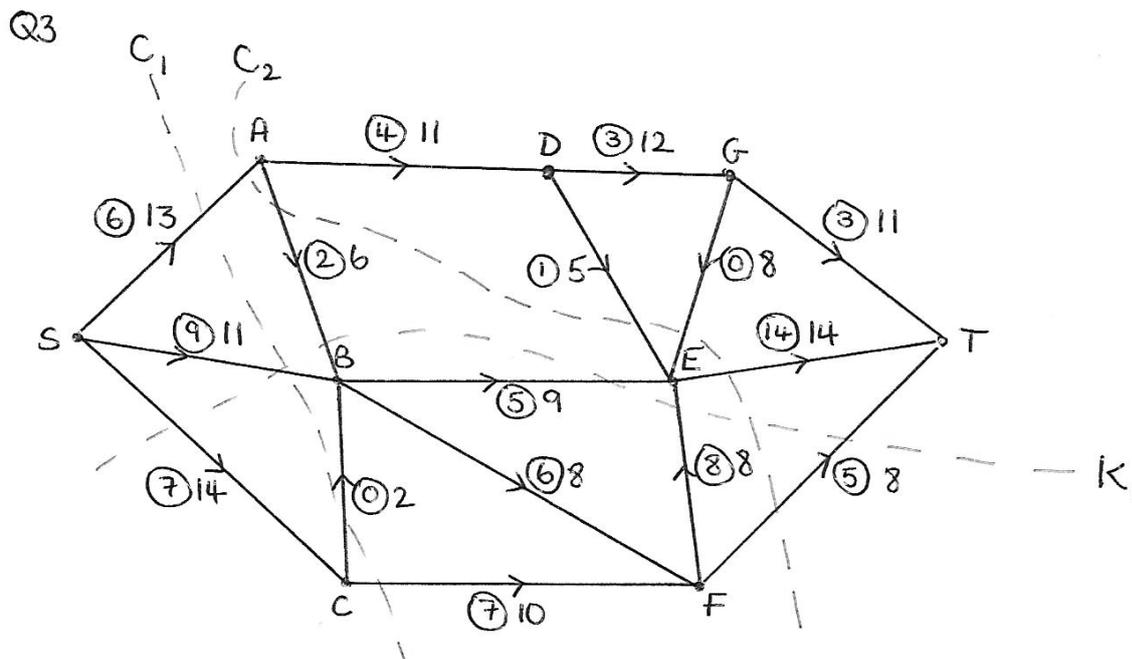
Given that the flow through the network is increased by two units using the route found in (d),

- (e) prove that this new flow is maximal. [3]

Total: 9



2. Figure below shows a capacitated, directed network.



The number on each arc is the capacity of that arc. The numbers in circles represent an initial flow from S to T.

(a) Explain why the dotted line marked K_1 in Figure 1 is not a cut. [1]

Two cuts C_1 and C_2 are shown above.

(b) Write down [3]

- the capacity of each of the two cuts C_1 and C_2
- the value of the initial flow.

(c) Complete the initialisation of the labelling procedure on Diagram 1 in the answer book by entering values along arcs SA, AD, DE, GE and GT. [2]

(d) Hence use the labelling procedure to find a maximal flow pattern for the network. You must [4]

- list each flow - augmenting path you use, together with its flow,
- show your maximal flow pattern on Diagram 2 in the answer book.

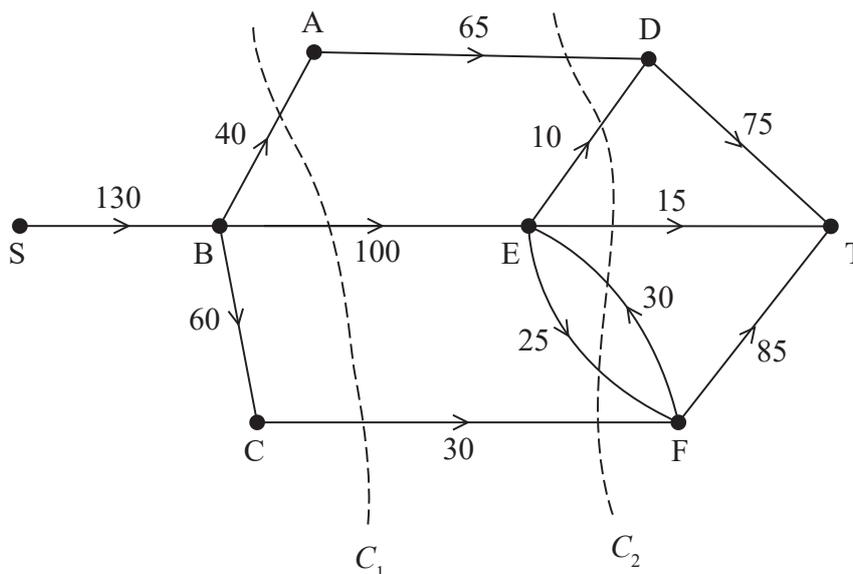
(e) i. State the value of the maximal flow, [3]

- prove that your flow is maximal.

Total: 13



3. Figure below models the flow of fluid through a system of pipes from a source, S, to a sink, T.



The weights on the arcs show the capacities of the corresponding pipes in litres per minute. Two cuts C_1 and C_2 are shown.

- (a) Find the capacity of [2]
 - i. cut C_1 ,
 - ii. cut C_2 .
- (b) Using only the capacities of cuts C_1 and C_2 state what can be deduced about the maximum possible flow through the system. [1]
- (c) On Diagram 1 in the answer book, show how a flow of 120 litres per minute from S to T can be achieved. You do not need to apply the labelling procedure to find this flow. [2]
- (d) Prove that 120 litres per minute is the maximum possible flow through the system. [2]

A new pipe is planned from S to A. Let the capacity of this pipe be x litres per minute.

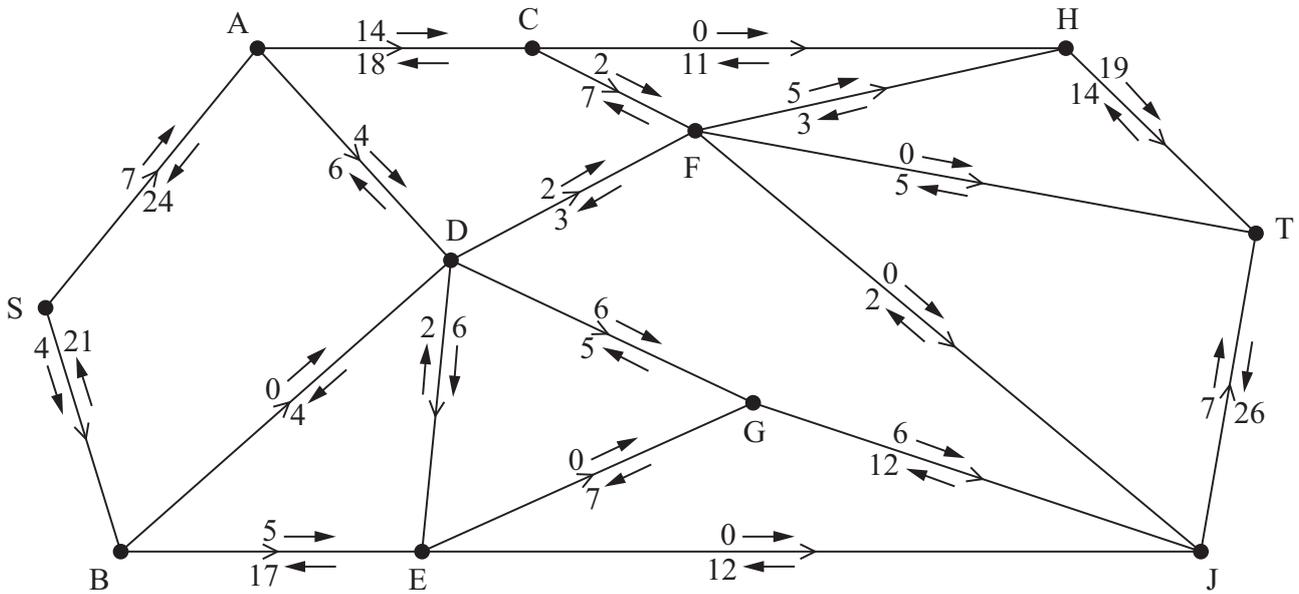
- (e) Find, in terms of x where necessary, the maximum possible flow through the new system. [3]

Total: 10



8FM0 Unit Test – Decision 2 – 2 Flows in Networks

4. Alexa is monitoring a system of pipes through which fluid can flow from the source, S, to the sink, T.



Currently, fluid is flowing through the system from S to T. Alexa initialises the labelling procedure for this system, and the excess capacities and potential backflows are shown on the arrows either side of each arc, as shown above.

- State the value of the initial flow. [1]
- Explain why arcs DF and DG can never both be full to capacity. [1]
- Obtain the capacity of the cut that passes through the arcs AC, AD, BD, DE, EG and EJ . [1]
- Use the labelling procedure to find a maximum flow through the network. You must list each flow-augmenting route you use, together with its flow. [3]
- Use your answers to part (d) to find a maximum flow pattern for this system of pipes and draw it on Diagram 1 in the answer book. [1]
- Prove that the answer to part (e) is optimal. [3]

Total: 10



