

National Exams May 2008

98 Civ B10 Traffic Engineering

3 hours duration

**NOTES**

- 1 If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper a clear statement of any assumptions made
- 2 This is a closed book exam Only the approved Casio or Sharp calculators are permitted
- 3 This exam has **Three PARTS, PART A, PART B and PART C** Answer two questions from each part
- 4 **Six** Questions constitute a complete exam paper The first **Six** questions as they appear in the answer book will be marked
- 5 The value of each question is shown

## PART A

A 1 Discuss in detail the difference between Growth and Theoretical Trip Distribution Models. Give examples of each. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each type of model.

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A 2 Describe what Modal Split means. What model types are generally used to determine modal split? What is meant by model calibration in terms of modal split and how is it done? The key variable in modal split is also used in two other sub models of the Urban Transportation Modelling System (UTMS). Describe how it interacts with each of these two sub models and how should this interaction be accounted for.

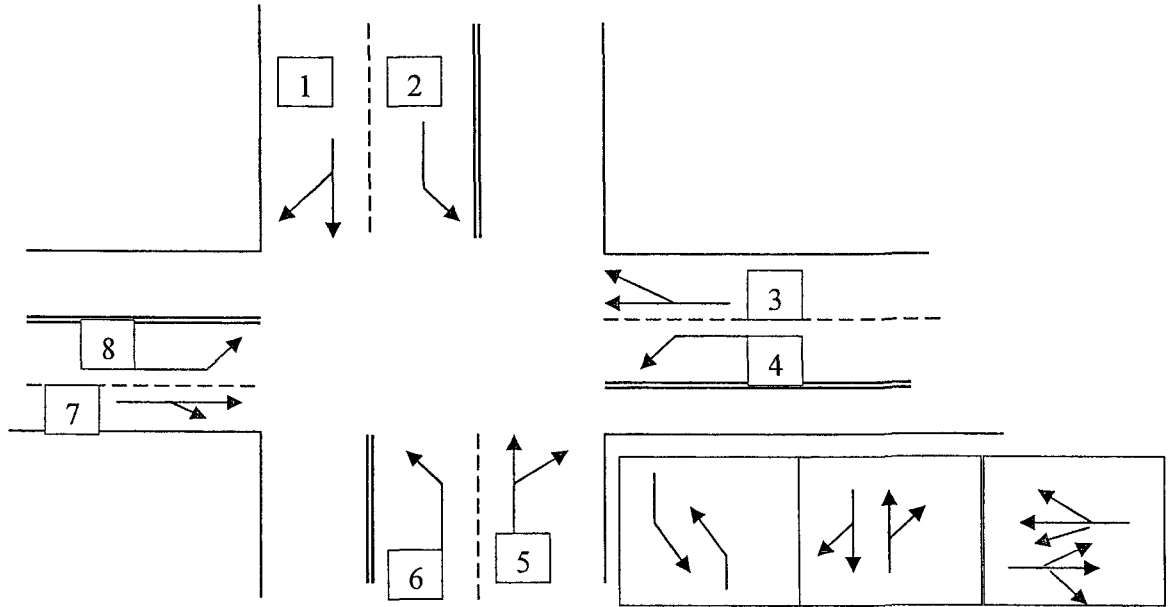
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A 3 What are the three main requirements for performing Traffic Assignment? Describe each in detail. What are Wardrop's two principles? Describe two traffic assignment techniques.

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## PART B

B 1 For the following intersection and demand table determine the minimum and optimum cycle time and the green split. Assume a three phase timing plan as shown with 5 seconds of intergreen per phase and a maximum cycle length of 240 seconds



Ignore left turn sneakers and Right Turn on Red. Using a queuing diagram calculate the delay for lane 4.

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Volume	500	200	300	75	450	150	450	100
Saturation Flow	1700	1440	1600	350	1550	1350	1750	400

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B 2 An approach has a demand of 480 vph a minimum headway of 1.8 seconds per vehicle a cycle time of 100s and a displayed green of 64 seconds. If the amber is 3 seconds the all red is 2 seconds the start loss is 2 seconds and the end gain is 3 seconds calculate and illustrate with a queuing diagram

- a Effective green
- b Effective red
- c Capacity of approach
- d Total and average vehicle delay
- e Maximum queue size
- f Delay to a vehicle that arrives 15 seconds after the light turns red
- g Delay to a vehicle that arrives 10 seconds after the light turns green

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B 3 Describe in detail one of the Canadian Capacity Guide for Signalised Intersections analysis procedure or the HCM Signalized Intersection Analysis Procedure

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## PART C

- C 1 For the following  $u$   $q$  relationship determine maximum flow speed and density at the maximum flow free flow speed and jam density

$$q = 280u - 72u \ln u$$

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- C 2 A traffic stream travelling at 80 kph and a flow of 1000 vph encounters an accident that blocks their lane. This condition lasts for 15 minutes after which the accident is cleared and the traffic is allowed to discharge from the queue at rate of 2000 vph at 50 kph. If the jam density is 100 vpk calculate
- maximum number of vehicles in the queue
  - maximum length of queue
  - time to dissipate the queue
  - time until upstream conditions reach site of accident

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- C 3 Speed flow speed density and flow density relationships are based on car following behaviour. Describe in detail how the theoretical safe following distance  $s$  as shown below is determined. What impact do the assumptions regarding expected deceleration rates have on  $s$ . Draw and label typical speed flow speed density and flow density curves

$$s = v\delta + \frac{v^2}{2d_f} - \frac{v^2}{2d_l} + NL + x$$

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## SOME USEFUL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{d(uv)}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d(\ln u)}{dx} = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d(e^u)}{dx} = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$F = \frac{T}{T}$$

$$F^k = \frac{T}{T^k}$$

$$F = \frac{\sum T}{\sum T}$$

$$F^k = \frac{\sum T}{\sum T^k}$$

$$t_j^1 = t_j \frac{F_j}{F}$$

$$t_j^k = t_j^{k-1} \frac{F_j^{k-1}}{F^{k-1}}$$

$$U_{sw} = \frac{q_b - q}{k_b - k}$$

$$Q_i(t) = G_i [Q_i(b)]$$

$$R_I = \frac{Q_I(t)}{Q_I(\text{current})}$$

$$Q_{IJ}(\text{new}) = \frac{[Q_{IJ}(\text{current})]R_J}{\sum [Q_I(\text{current})]R} Q_I(t)$$

$$Q_{IJ}(\text{current}) = Q_{JI}(\text{current}) = \frac{Q_{IJ}(\text{new}) + Q_{JI}(\text{new})}{2}$$

$$P(x \perp t) = \frac{(qt) e^{-qt}}{x!}$$

$$c_{pt} = \frac{1.5L + 5}{(1 - \sum y)}$$

$$c_m = \frac{L}{(1 - \sum y)}$$

$$C = \frac{g}{c} S$$

$$y = \frac{V}{S}$$

$$g = g_d - SL + EG$$