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- Q1** (a) Explain the differences between the bottom-up and bottom down approach to cost estimation with appropriate examples.

(4 marks)

- (b) You have been asked to estimate the cost of 100 prefabricated structures to be sold to a local school district. Each structure provides 1,000 square feet of floor space, with 8-feet ceilings. In 2003, you produced 70 similar structures consisting of the same materials and having the same ceiling height, but each provided only 800 square feet of floor space. The material cost for each structure was RM25,000 in 2003, and the cost capacity factor is 0.65. The cost index values for 2003 and 2014 are 200 and 289, respectively. The estimated manufacturing cost for the first 1,000-square-foot structure is RM12,000. Assume a learning curve of 88% and use the cost of the 50th structure as your standard time for estimating manufacturing cost.

Estimate the total material cost and the total manufacturing cost for the 100 prefabricated structures.

(7 marks)

- (c) The Civil Engineering Technology Department of Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia Pagoh Campus has a student team that design a pontoon boat model for the Malaysian Technical University Network (MTUN) competition. The time required for the team to assemble the first train model is 5.5 hours. Their improvement (learning rate/curve) is 82% which means that as output is doubled, their time to assemble a train model reduced by 20%.

- (i) Compute the time it will take the team to assemble the **FIFTH (5th)** and **TENTH (10th)** pontoon boat model.

(5 marks)

- (ii) Compute the total time required to assemble the first 5 and 10 pontoon boat models.

(5 marks)

- (iii) Point out the estimated Cumulative Average assembly time for the first 5 and 10 pontoon boat models.

(4 marks)

- Q2** (a) Differentiate between nominal rates and effectives rates.

(5 marks)

- (b) Ahmad took a 5-years loan of RM10,000 to buy a second hand car. The bank charged him 7% compounded interest per annum for the loan.

Calculate the equivalent future value of this loan by using the following **Table Q2(b)**.

Table Q2 (b): Future Value of the Loan

Year	Amount owed at beginning of year (RM)	Interest amount for year (RM)	Amount owed at end of year (RM)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

(5 marks)

- (c) A SME Company is considering investing RM150,000 for six (6) months in three (3) options offered by financial institutions. The alternatives are listed in **Table Q2(c)**.

Table Q2(c): Alternatives offered by financial institutions

Options	Rates
1	Quarterly compounded interest of 1.90% per annum
2	Daily compounded interest of 2.0% per annum (365 day per year)
3	Semi-anually compounded interest of 2.5% per annum

Propose the best option for the SME Company.

(15 marks)

- Q3** (a) Aman Bina Sdn Bhd is planning to increase their productivity by upgrading the machinery to higher capacity processor with initial cost of RM90,000, annual operation and maintenance cost of RM7,000 and salvage value of RM10,000 at the end of its economic life of 10 years. This is estimated to increase production volume which will generate additional income of RM30,000 per year.

Evaluate the investment based on Future Worth (FW) method with an expected MARR of 12% per year using a proper cash flow diagram.

(15 marks)

- (b) It is estimated that a certain piece of equipment can save RM22,000 per year in labour and materials costs. The equipment has an expected life of five (5) years and with market value RM5,000.

- (i) Compute how much could be justified **NOW** for the purchase of this equipment if the company earns a 15% annual return on investments.

(5 marks)

- (ii) Draw a cash flow diagram from the company's viewpoint.

(5 marks)

- Q4 (a)** A new project has been proposed by UTHM management to build a new rail from UTHM Parit Raja to UTHM Pagoh for Teaching and Learning (T&L) courses related to Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Railway Transportation). The land acquisition is estimated to be RM0.7 Million. Construction cost for the rail is expected to be RM1.2 Million with an additional annual maintenance cost of RM80,000. Finally, this new railway project will require a train controller with an annual cost of RM 36,000. Annual benefits of the runaway have been estimated as in **Table Q4(a)**.

Table Q4(a): Annual Benefits of the UTHM Rail Project

ITEM	RM
Rental receipt from a train carrier	RM400,000
Management charge to train passengers	RM50,000
Convenience benefit to the UTHM community	RM35,000
Additional tourism for both UTHM Parit Raja and Pagoh	RM40,000

Apply the B-C ratio method for both conventional and modified cases using PW method with the study period of 10 years and a MARR of 12% per year to determine whether the rail for UTHM should be erected.

(10 marks)

- (b)** Your company is invited to propose a new multipurpose transportation terminal in Iskandar Johor as a hub for air, sea and land transportation. Also included in the project is to build custom and immigration facilities. The land acquisition is estimated to be RM30 million. Construction cost for the terminal and other facilities is expected to be RM86 million with annual maintenance cost of RM9 million. The building and sophisticated equipment for traffic control should also be considered at a cost of RM27 million, with RM6 million for annual maintenance expenditures.

On the other hand, this project fuel consumption saving by the road users is worth up to RM8 million per year. In addition, collection of terminal fees and revenues generated from businesses are anticipated to be RM18 million per year and RM10 million per year respectively. However, the total annual fees and taxes that will be collected by the authorities are estimated to be RM1.5 million.

- (i)** Apply the B-C ratio method for both conventional and modified cases using Annual Worth (AW) methods with the study period of 20 years and a MARR of 20% per year.

(12 marks)

- (ii)** Determine whether the project should proceed.

(3 marks)

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The following information may be useful. The symbols have their usual meaning.

B-C Ratio using present worth:

$$B - C = \frac{PW(B)}{I - PW(MV) + PW(O\&M)}$$

Modified B-C Ratio using present worth:

$$B - C = \frac{PW(B) - PW(O\&M)}{I - PW(MV)}$$

B-C Ratio using annual worth:

$$B - C = \frac{AW(B)}{CR + AW(O\&M)}$$

Modified B-C Ratio using annual worth:

$$B - C = \frac{AW(B) - AW(O\&M)}{CR}$$

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TABLE 12 Discrete Cash Flow: Compound Interest Factors

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	Compound Amount F/P	Present Worth P/F	Sinking Fund A/F	Compound Amount F/A	Capital Recovery A/P	Present Worth P/A	Gradient Uniform Series A/G
1	1.0700	0.9346	1.00000	1.0000	1.07000	0.9346	
2	1.1449	0.8734	0.48309	2.0700	0.55309	1.8080	0.8734
3	1.2250	0.8163	0.31105	3.2149	0.38105	2.6243	0.9549
4	1.3108	0.7629	0.22523	4.4399	0.29523	3.3872	1.4155
5	1.4026	0.7130	0.17389	5.7507	0.24389	4.1002	1.8650
6	1.5007	0.6663	0.13980	7.1533	0.20980	4.7665	2.3032
7	1.6058	0.6227	0.11555	8.6540	0.18555	5.3893	2.7304
8	1.7182	0.5820	0.09747	10.2598	0.16747	5.9713	3.1465
9	1.8385	0.5439	0.08349	11.9780	0.15349	6.5152	3.5517
10	1.9672	0.5083	0.07238	13.8164	0.14238	7.0236	3.9461
11	2.1049	0.4751	0.06336	15.7836	0.13336	7.4987	4.3296
12	2.2522	0.4440	0.05590	17.8885	0.12590	7.9427	4.7025
13	2.4098	0.4150	0.04965	20.1406	0.11965	8.3577	5.0648
14	2.5785	0.3878	0.04434	22.5505	0.11434	8.7455	5.4167
15	2.7590	0.3624	0.03979	25.1290	0.10979	9.1079	5.7583
16	2.9522	0.3387	0.03586	27.8881	0.10586	9.4466	6.0897
17	3.1588	0.3166	0.03243	30.8402	0.10243	9.7632	6.4110
18	3.3799	0.2959	0.02941	33.9990	0.09941	10.0591	6.7225
19	3.6165	0.2765	0.02675	37.3790	0.09675	10.3356	7.0242
20	3.8697	0.2584	0.02439	40.9955	0.09439	10.5940	7.3163
21	4.1406	0.2415	0.02229	44.8652	0.09229	10.8355	7.5990
22	4.4304	0.2257	0.02041	49.0057	0.09041	11.0612	7.8725
23	4.7405	0.2109	0.01871	53.4361	0.08871	11.2722	8.1369
24	5.0724	0.1971	0.01719	58.1767	0.08719	11.4693	8.3923
25	5.4274	0.1842	0.01581	63.2490	0.08581	11.6536	8.6391
26	5.8074	0.1722	0.01456	68.6765	0.08456	11.8258	8.8773
27	6.2139	0.1609	0.01343	74.4838	0.08343	11.9867	9.1072
28	6.6488	0.1504	0.01239	80.6977	0.08239	12.1371	9.3289
29	7.1143	0.1406	0.01145	87.3465	0.08145	12.2777	9.5427
30	7.6123	0.1314	0.01059	94.4608	0.08059	12.4090	9.7487
31	8.1451	0.1228	0.00980	102.0730	0.07980	12.5318	9.9471
32	8.7153	0.1147	0.00907	110.2182	0.07907	12.6466	10.1381
33	9.3253	0.1072	0.00841	118.9334	0.07841	12.7538	10.3219
34	9.9781	0.1002	0.00780	128.2588	0.07780	12.8540	10.4987
35	10.6766	0.0937	0.00723	138.2369	0.07723	12.9477	10.6687
40	14.9745	0.0668	0.00501	199.6351	0.07501	13.3317	11.4233
45	21.0025	0.0476	0.00350	285.7493	0.07350	13.6055	12.0360
50	29.4570	0.0339	0.00246	406.5289	0.07246	13.8007	12.5287
55	41.3150	0.0242	0.00174	575.9286	0.07174	13.9399	12.9215
60	57.9464	0.0173	0.00123	813.5204	0.07123	14.0392	13.2321

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	Compound Amount F/P	Present Worth P/F	Sinking Fund A/F	Compound Amount F/A	Capital Recovery A/P	Present Worth P/A	Gradient Present Worth P/G
1	1.1200	0.8929	1.00000	1.12000	0.8929		
2	1.2544	0.7972	0.47170	2.1200	0.59170	1.6901	0.7972
3	1.4049	0.7118	0.29635	3.3744	0.41635	2.4018	2.2208
4	1.5735	0.6355	0.20923	4.7793	0.32923	3.0373	4.1273
5	1.7623	0.5674	0.15741	6.3528	0.27741	3.6048	6.3970
6	1.9738	0.5066	0.12323	8.1152	0.24323	4.1114	8.9302
7	2.2107	0.4523	0.09912	10.0890	0.21912	4.5638	11.6443
8	2.4760	0.4039	0.08130	12.2997	0.20130	4.9676	14.4714
9	2.7731	0.3606	0.06768	14.7757	0.18768	5.3282	17.3563
10	3.1058	0.3220	0.05698	17.5487	0.17698	5.6502	20.2541
11	3.4785	0.2875	0.04842	20.6546	0.16842	5.9377	23.1288
12	3.8960	0.2567	0.04144	24.1331	0.16144	6.1944	25.9523
13	4.3635	0.2292	0.03568	28.0291	0.15568	6.4235	28.7024
14	4.8871	0.2046	0.03087	32.3926	0.15087	6.6282	31.3624
15	5.4736	0.1827	0.02682	37.2797	0.14682	6.8109	33.9202
16	6.1304	0.1631	0.02339	42.7533	0.14339	6.9740	4.9803
17	6.8660	0.1456	0.02046	48.8837	0.14046	7.1196	5.2147
18	7.6900	0.1300	0.01794	55.7497	0.13794	7.2497	5.4353
19	8.6128	0.1161	0.01576	63.4397	0.13576	7.3658	5.6427
20	9.6463	0.1037	0.01388	72.0524	0.13388	7.4694	44.9676
21	10.8038	0.0926	0.01224	81.6987	0.13224	7.5620	46.8188
22	12.1003	0.0826	0.01081	92.5026	0.13081	7.6446	48.5543
23	13.5523	0.0738	0.00956	104.6029	0.12956	7.7184	5.3514
24	15.1786	0.0659	0.00846	118.1552	0.12846	7.7843	50.1776
25	17.0001	0.0588	0.00750	133.3339	0.12750	7.8431	51.6929
26	19.0401	0.0525	0.00665	150.3339	0.12665	7.8957	53.1046
27	21.3249	0.0469	0.00590	169.3740	0.12590	7.9426	54.4177
28	23.8839	0.0419	0.00524	190.6989	0.12524	7.9844	55.6369
29	26.7499	0.0374	0.00466	214.5828	0.12466	8.0218	56.7674
30	29.9599	0.0334	0.00414	241.3327	0.12414	8.0552	57.8141
31	33.5551	0.0298	0.00369	271.2926	0.12369	8.0850	58.7821
32	37.5817	0.0266	0.00328	304.8477	0.12328	8.1116	59.6761
33	42.0915	0.0238	0.00292	342.4294	0.12292	8.1354	60.5010
34	47.1425	0.0212	0.00260	384.5210	0.12260	8.1566	61.2612
35	52.7996	0.0189	0.00232	431.6635	0.12232	8.1755	61.9612
40	93.0510	0.0107	0.00130	767.0914	0.12130	8.2438	62.6052
45	163.9876	0.0061	0.0074	1358.23	0.12074	8.2825	65.1159
50	289.0022	0.0035	0.00042	2400.02	0.12042	8.3045	66.7342
55	509.3206	0.0020	0.00024	4236.01	0.12024	8.3170	67.7624
60	897.5969	0.0011	0.00013	7471.64	0.12013	8.3240	68.4082
							8.2251
							8.2664

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1	1.1500	0.8696	1.00000	1.0000	1.15000	0.8696	
2	1.3225	0.7561	0.46512	2.1500	0.61512	1.6257	0.7561
3	1.5209	0.6575	0.28798	3.4725	0.43798	2.2382	2.0712
4	1.7490	0.5718	0.20027	4.9934	0.35027	2.8550	2.9071
5	2.0114	0.4972	0.14832	6.7424	0.29832	3.3522	3.2663
6	2.3131	0.4323	0.11424	8.7537	0.26424	3.7845	3.7228
7	2.6600	0.3759	0.09026	11.0668	0.24036	4.1604	3.9368
8	3.0590	0.3269	0.07285	13.7268	0.22285	4.4873	3.4498
9	3.5179	0.2843	0.05957	16.7858	0.20957	4.7716	2.7813
10	4.0456	0.2472	0.04925	20.3037	0.19925	5.0188	3.0922
11	4.6524	0.2149	0.04107	24.3493	0.19107	5.2337	3.3832
12	5.3503	0.1869	0.03448	29.0017	0.18448	5.4206	3.6549
13	6.1528	0.1625	0.02911	34.3519	0.17911	5.5831	3.9082
14	7.0757	0.1413	0.02469	40.5047	0.17469	5.7245	4.1438
15	8.1371	0.1229	0.02102	47.5804	0.17102	5.8474	4.3624
16	9.3576	0.1069	0.01795	55.7175	0.16795	5.9542	4.5650
17	10.7613	0.0929	0.01537	65.0751	0.16537	6.0472	4.7522
18	12.3755	0.0808	0.01319	75.8364	0.16319	6.1280	4.9251
19	14.2318	0.0703	0.01134	88.2118	0.16134	6.1982	5.0843
20	16.3665	0.0611	0.00976	102.4436	0.15976	6.2593	5.2307
21	18.8215	0.0531	0.00842	118.8101	0.15842	6.3125	5.3651
22	21.6447	0.0462	0.00727	137.6316	0.15727	6.3587	5.4853
23	24.8915	0.0402	0.00628	159.2764	0.15628	6.3988	5.6010
24	28.6252	0.0349	0.00543	184.1678	0.15543	6.4338	5.7040
25	32.9190	0.0304	0.00470	212.7930	0.15470	6.4641	5.7979
26	37.8568	0.0264	0.00407	245.7120	0.15407	6.4906	5.8834
27	43.5353	0.0220	0.00353	283.5688	0.15353	6.5135	5.9612
28	50.0656	0.0200	0.00306	327.1041	0.15306	6.5335	6.0319
29	57.5755	0.0174	0.00265	377.1697	0.15265	6.5509	6.0960
30	66.2118	0.0151	0.00230	434.7451	0.15230	6.5660	6.1541
31	76.1435	0.0131	0.00200	500.9569	0.15200	6.5791	6.2066
32	87.5651	0.0114	0.00173	577.1005	0.15173	6.5905	6.2541
33	100.6998	0.0099	0.00150	664.6655	0.15150	6.6005	6.2970
34	115.8048	0.0086	0.00131	765.3654	0.15131	6.6091	6.3357
35	133.1755	0.0075	0.00113	881.1702	0.15113	6.6166	6.3705
40	267.8635	0.0037	0.00056	1779.09	0.15056	6.6418	6.4019
45	538.7693	0.0019	0.00028	3585.13	0.15028	6.6543	6.5168
50	1083.66	0.0009	0.00014	7217.72	0.15014	6.6605	6.5830
55	2179.62	0.0005	0.00007	14524	0.15007	6.6636	6.6205
60	4384.00	0.0002	0.00003	29220	0.15003	6.6651	6.6414
65	8817.79	0.0001	0.00002	58779	0.15002	6.6659	6.6530
70	17736	0.0001	0.00001		0.15001	6.6663	6.6593
75	35673				0.15000	6.6665	6.6627
80	71751				0.15000	6.6666	6.6646
85					0.15000	6.6666	6.6656

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1	1.2000	0.8333	1.00000	1.0000	1.20000	0.8333	
2	1.4400	0.6944	0.45455	2.2000	0.65455	1.5278	0.6944
3	1.7280	0.5787	0.27473	3.6400	0.47473	2.1065	0.8519
4	2.0736	0.4823	0.18629	5.3680	0.38629	2.5887	0.8791
5	2.4883	0.4019	0.13438	7.4416	0.33438	2.9906	1.2742
6	2.9860	0.3349	0.10071	9.9299	0.30071	3.3255	1.6405
7	3.5832	0.2791	0.07742	12.9159	0.27742	3.6046	1.9788
8	4.2998	0.2326	0.06061	16.4991	0.26061	3.8372	2.2902
9	5.1598	0.1938	0.04808	20.7989	0.24808	4.0310	2.5756
10	6.1917	0.1615	0.03852	25.9587	0.23852	4.1925	2.8364
11	7.4301	0.1346	0.03110	32.1504	0.23110	4.3271	3.0739
12	8.9161	0.1122	0.02526	39.5805	0.22526	4.4392	3.2893
13	10.6993	0.0935	0.02062	48.4966	0.22062	4.5327	3.4841
14	12.8392	0.0779	0.01689	59.1959	0.21689	4.6106	3.6597
15	15.4070	0.0649	0.01388	72.0351	0.21388	4.6755	3.8175
16	18.4884	0.0541	0.01144	87.4421	0.21144	4.7296	3.9588
17	22.1861	0.0451	0.00944	105.9306	0.20944	4.7746	4.0851
18	26.6233	0.0376	0.00781	128.1167	0.20781	4.8122	4.1976
19	31.9480	0.0313	0.00646	154.7400	0.20646	4.8435	4.2975
20	38.3376	0.0261	0.00536	186.6880	0.20536	4.8696	4.3861
22	55.2061	0.0181	0.00369	271.0307	0.20369	4.9094	4.4643
24	79.4968	0.0126	0.00255	392.4842	0.20255	4.9371	4.5941
26	114.4755	0.0087	0.00176	567.3773	0.20176	4.9563	4.6943
28	164.8447	0.0061	0.00122	819.2233	0.20122	4.9697	4.7709
30	237.3763	0.0042	0.00085	1181.88	0.20085	4.9789	4.8291
32	341.8219	0.0029	0.00059	1704.11	0.20059	4.9854	4.8731
34	492.2235	0.0020	0.00041	2456.12	0.20041	4.9898	4.9061
35	590.6682	0.0017	0.00034	2948.34	0.20034	4.9915	4.9308
36	708.8019	0.0014	0.00028	3539.01	0.20028	4.9929	4.9406
38	1020.67	0.0010	0.00020	5098.37	0.20020	4.9951	4.9491
40	1469.77	0.0007	0.00014	7343.86	0.20014	4.9966	4.9627
45	3657.26	0.0003	0.00005	18281	0.20005	4.9986	4.9728
50	9100.44	0.0001	0.00002	45497	0.20002	4.9995	4.9877
55	22645		0.00001		0.20001	4.9998	4.9945
							4.9976