Question 2 (7 marks)

A supermarket provides a delivery service to its customers. This morning, there are four deliveries (1, 2, 3 and 4) to be made. Each of four drivers, John, Kerry, Liam and Max, is available to do one of the deliveries.

The table below shows the time, in minutes, that each driver would take to complete each of the four deliveries.

Table 1
Delivery Driver

Deliveries

John Kerry Liam Max

The store manager will allocate the deliveries so that the total delivery time is at a minimum. He decides to use the Hungarian algorithm to determine the allocation of deliveries to the drivers.

His first step is to subtract the minimum entry in each row from each element, ensuring that each row contains at least one zero.

Table 2
Delivery Driver

Deliveries

John Kerry Liam Max

(a) What is the number missing from the shaded cell?

(1 mark)

The second step is to ensure that all columns contain at least one zero. The numbers that result from this step are shown in the table below.

Table 3
Delivery Driver

Deliveries

1	
2	
3	

John	Kerry	Liam	Max
4	0	9	5
0	1	7	11
8	4	0	0
0	3	3	1

(b)	The smallest number of horizontal and vertical lines that can be drawn to cover all the zeros is three.			
	(i)	Draw in these lines on Table 3 on the previous page.	(1 mark)	
	(ii)	State why an allocation of delivery drivers cannot be made yet.	(1 mark)	
(c)	deliver	ue the steps of the Hungarian algorithm to determine the optimum allocatives to the drivers. Complete the table at the bottom of the page and state rum total delivery time.		

Delivery Driver	John	Kerry	Liam	Max
Delivery				

Minimum total delivery time		