

# Q1:

## Given table (interpreted)

Activity	Pre req	Normal time (days)	Crash time (days)	Normal cost	Crash cost
A	—	2	1	\$1,200	\$1,600
B	A	5	1	\$1,500	\$4,500
C	B	2	2	\$750	\$750
D	A	5	3	\$2,500	\$3,500
E	A	6	4	\$3,000	\$4,000
F	C,D,E	5	3	\$2,000	\$3,000

Normal path lengths:

- A–B–C–F =  $2+5+2+5 = \mathbf{14}$  days (crit path)
- A–D–F =  $2+5+5 = 12$  days
- A–E–F =  $2+6+5 = 13$  days

## (a) Cost to complete in **14 days** (normal schedule)

Sum of normal costs:

$$1200 + 1500 + 750 + 2500 + 3000 + 2000 = 10,950$$

**Answer (a): \$10,950**

## (b) Crash cost per time period (per day):

Compute

$$((\text{CrashCost} - \text{NormalCost})/(\text{NormalTime} - \text{CrashTime})) :$$

- A:

$$((1600 - 1200)/(2 - 1) = 400/1 = 400/\text{day})$$

- B:

$$((4500 - 1500)/(5 - 1) = 3000/4 = 750/\text{day})$$

- C:

$$//notPossibleAs750 = 750$$

- D:

$$((3500 - 2500)/(5 - 3) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

- E:

$$((4000 - 3000)/(6 - 4) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

- F:

$$((3000 - 2000)/(5 - 3) = 1000/2 = 500/\text{day})$$

**Ans (b):** A 400/day; B 750/day; C N/A; D 500/day; E 500/day; F 500/day.

## (c) Crash to complete in 8 days (minimum-cost crash schedule)

**Obj:** reduce project duration from 14 -> 8 (need 6 days reduction).

**Available crash capacity on initial critical path A-B-C-F:**

- A: can reduce by 1 day (2 -> 1)
- B: can reduce by 4 days (5 -> 1)
- C: cannot reduce (2 -> 2)
- F: can reduce 2 days (5 -> 3)

Total possible reduction on that path = 1+4+0+2 = **7 days** (>= 6 required) -> Thus this is viable

**Crash procedure (minimum incremental cost on the current critical path, recalculating critical path after each step):**

1. **Crash A by 1 day** (cheapest on current critical path at \$400/day).
  - A: 2  $\rightarrow$  1, extra cost = \$400
  - New proj length: 14  $\rightarrow$  13 days
  - New path lengths: A–B–C–F = 13; A–D–F = 11; A–E–F = 12
2. **Crash F by 2 days** (2nd cheapest on the critical path at \$500/day; F can be shortened by 2)
  - F: 5  $\rightarrow$  3, extra cost =  $2 \times 500 = 1,000$
  - New project length: 13  $\rightarrow$  11 days
  - New path length: A–B–C–F = 11; A–D–F = 9; A–E–F = 10
3. **Remaining reduction we require: 11  $\rightarrow$  8 = 3 days.**
  - On current critical path A–B–C–F, only B can still be crashed (C cannot) B's crash cost = \$750/day
  - Crash **B by 3 days**: B: 5  $\rightarrow$  2, extra cost =  $3 \times 750 = 2,250$
  - After this: A–B–C–F =  $1 + 2 + 2 + 3 = 8$  days  $\rightarrow$  target reached.

I didn't crash D or E because they are not on the critical path and crashing them would not reduce the proj duration until crit path changed, my chosen sequence minimizes incremental cost at each step

**Activities shortened:** A by 1 day, F by 2 days, B by 3 days

## **(d) Total proj cost when completed in 8 days**

Start from normal cost \$10,950 (from (a)). Add incremental crash costs:

- A:  $+400(1\text{day}) \rightarrow \text{A cost becomes } 1,600$  (which equals given crash cost)
- F:  $+1,000(2\text{days}) \rightarrow \text{F cost becomes } 3,000$  (full crash cost)
- B:  $+2,250(3\text{days}) \rightarrow \text{B cost becomes } 1,500 + 2,250 = 3,750$

Sum extra crash cost =  $400 + 1,000 + 2,250 = 3,650$

Total project cost = normal cost + crash increments =  $10,950 + 3,650 = \mathbf{\$14,600}$

**Ans (d): \$14,600**

# Q2:

## Given

- Planned Value (PV) = \$28,000
- Earned Value (EV) = \$25,000
- Actual Cost (AC) = \$29,500

## (a) Budget status - Over or under budget?

**Cost Variance (CV)** =  $EV - AC = 25,000 - 29,500 = -\$4,500$  - negative CV means **over budget** to date

**Cost Performance Index (CPI)** =  $EV / AC = 25,000 / 29,500 = 0.8475$  ( $\approx 0.85$ )

$CPI < 1 \Rightarrow$  you are getting *0.85 value for every 1* spent - **cost efficiency is poor**

**Interpretation:** the phase is currently **over budget** by \$4,500 and performing at ~85% cost efficiency - spending must go down!

## (b) Schedule status - On time or behind?

**Schedule Variance (SV)** =  $EV - PV = 25,000 - 28,000 = -\$3,000$  - negative SV means **behind schedule** (in value terms)

**Schedule Performance Index (SPI)** =  $EV / PV = 25,000 / 28,000 = 0.8929$  ( $\approx 0.89$ )

$SPI < 1 \Rightarrow$  about **89%** of planned work value has been earned  $\rightarrow$  **behind schedule**

**Interpretation:** the phase is **behind schedule** (shortfall \$3,000 in earned value)

## (c) Quick forecast (optional) - estimate to complete the phase

You need the **Budget at Completion (BAC)** to make a formal EAC. If the phase BAC = the planned value to date (PV = \$28,000) then:

One common EAC formula:

$$\text{EAC} = \text{BAC} / \text{CPI} \Rightarrow \text{EAC} \approx 28,000 / 0.8475 \approx \$33,050$$

Alternate form:  $\text{EAC} = \text{AC} + (\text{BAC} - \text{EV})/\text{CPI} \Rightarrow 29,500 + (28,000 - 25,000)/0.8475 \approx 29,500 + 3,539 \approx \$33,039$  (same within rounding)

**Implication:** if trends continue &  $\text{BAC} = 28k$ , *expected final cost* = **\*\*33k\*\*** - **~\$5k over original BAC**

(If  $\text{BAC} \neq \text{PV}$ , substitute actual BAC into the same formulas.)

## (d) Actionable implications (brief)

- **Over budget** and **behind schedule** - both warning signs
- Performance indices  $\text{CPI} \approx 0.85$  and  $\text{SPI} \approx 0.89$  indicate corrective action needed (cost control, scope/replanning, re-allocation of resources, staff changes, etc etc)
- Produce an **EAC** using the true BAC, re-evaluate remaining work, and prepare a remedial plan (cost reductions, replanning, prioritized or narrower scope)
- Re assess assumptions, risks, and approvals (license/gaming items may be driving rework/costs).

## Common formulas for Q 34567

- **SV (Schedule Variance)** =  $\text{EV} - \text{PV}$
- **CV (Cost Variance)** =  $\text{EV} - \text{AC}$
- **SPI (Schedule Performance Index)** =  $\text{EV} / \text{PV}$
- **CPI (Cost Performance Index)** =  $\text{EV} / \text{AC}$

## Q3:

$\text{PV} = 190,000$ ,  $\text{EV} = 150,000$ ,  $\text{AC} = \$170,000$

(a)

$$\text{SV} = \text{EV} - \text{PV} = 150,000 - 190,000 = -40,000 \quad \text{CV} = \text{EV} - \text{AC} = 150,000 - 170,000 =$$

\* \* — **20,000**

(b) Conclusion:

- **Behind schedule** ( $SV < 0$ )
- **Over budget / cost overrun** ( $CV < 0$ ).

## Q4:

//(same values)  $PV = 190,000$ ,  $EV = 150,000$ ,  $AC = \$170,000$

(a)

$SPI = EV / PV = 150,000 / 190,000 = \mathbf{0.7895}$  (rounded)

(b)

$CPI = EV / AC = 150,000 / 170,000 = \mathbf{0.8824}$  (rounded)

(c) Conclusion:

- **$SPI < 1$  (0.7895)** - project is **behind schedule** (only ~78.95% of planned work earned)
- **$CPI < 1$  (0.8824)** - proj is **cost-inefficient / over budget** (you get  $\sim 0.88$  value per 1 spent)

## Q5

$PV = 140,000$ ,  $EV = 160,000$ ,  $AC = \$145,000$

(a)

$SV = EV - PV = 160,000 - 140,000 = \mathbf{+\$20,000}$

(b)

$CV = EV - AC = 160,000 - 145,000 = \mathbf{+\$15,000}$

(c) Conclusion:

- **Ahead of schedule** ( $SV > 0$ )
- **Under budget / cost favorable** ( $CV > 0$ )

## Q6

(same values)  $PV = 140,000$ ,  $EV = 160,000$ ,  $AC = \$145,000$

(a)

$$SPI = EV / PV = 160,000 / 140,000 = \mathbf{1.1429} \text{ (rounded)}$$

(b)

$$CPI = EV / AC = 160,000 / 145,000 = \mathbf{1.1034} \text{ (rounded)}$$

(c) Conclusion:

- **$SPI > 1$  (1.1429)** - project is **ahead of schedule**
- **$CPI > 1$  (1.1034)** - project is **cost-efficient / under budget** ( $\sim 1.10$  value per 1 spent)

## Q7

$PV = 240,000$ ,  $EV = 250,000$ ,  $AC = \$270,000$

(a)

$$SV = EV - PV = 250,000 - 240,000 = \mathbf{+\$10,000}.$$

(b)

$$CV = EV - AC = 250,000 - 270,000 = \mathbf{-\$20,000}.$$

(c)

$$SPI = EV / PV = 250,000 / 240,000 = \mathbf{1.0417} \text{ (rounded)}.$$

(d)

$$CPI = EV / AC = 250,000 / 270,000 = \mathbf{0.9259} \text{ (rounded)}.$$

(e) Conclusion:

- **Ahead of schedule** ( $SPI > 1$ ,  $SV > 0$ ).
- **Over budget / cost-inefficient** ( $CPI < 1$ ,  $CV < 0$ ): the project is progressing faster than planned but spending is way too high - higher than the value earned