Analytical Tools

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FLOW CHART

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 Flowcharts are used in designing and documenting complex processes or programs. Like other types of diagrams, they help visualize what is going on and thereby help the viewer to understand a process, and perhaps also find flaws, bottlenecks, and other less-obvious features within it.

FLOW CHART SYMBOLS

COMMONLY USED SYMBOLS FOR FLOW CHARTS

TERMINAL
PROCESSING
INPUT/OUTPUT
DOCUMENT
DECISION

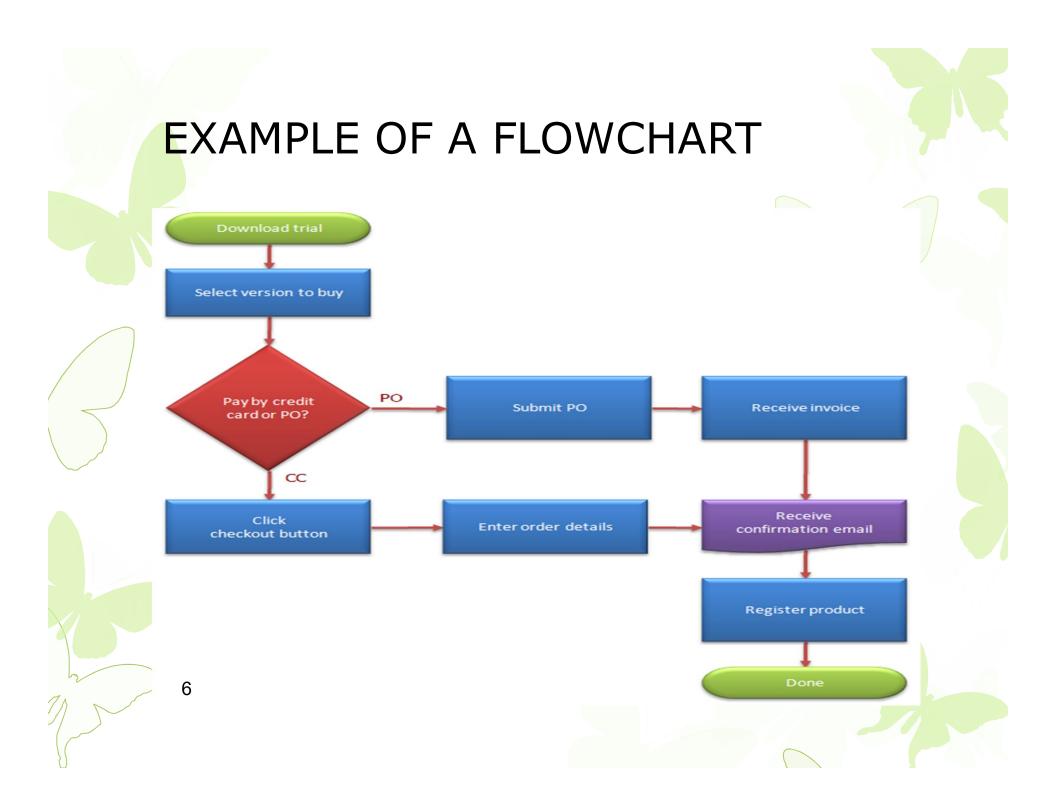
FLOW CHART SYMBOLS

Some Common Flowchart Symbols					
Symbol	Represents	Purpose			
	Terminal	Used to indicate the start and end of a flowchart. Flow begins or terminates here.			
	Processing	Used whenever data is being manipulated.			
	Document	Used to indicate that a hard copy is generated.			
	Decision	Used to represent operations in which there are two possible alternatives. One flow line enters and two flow lines exit. (Labeled Yes and No.)			



FLOW CHART SYMBOLS

	Predefined Process	Used to identify an operation that is more fully described in a separate flowchart segment.
\bigcirc	On-page connector	Used to go to another point on the same page.
	Off-page connector	Used to go to another point on a different page.
	Data	Input or Output of data.



COMMONLY USED Charts

BarLine

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○Pareto

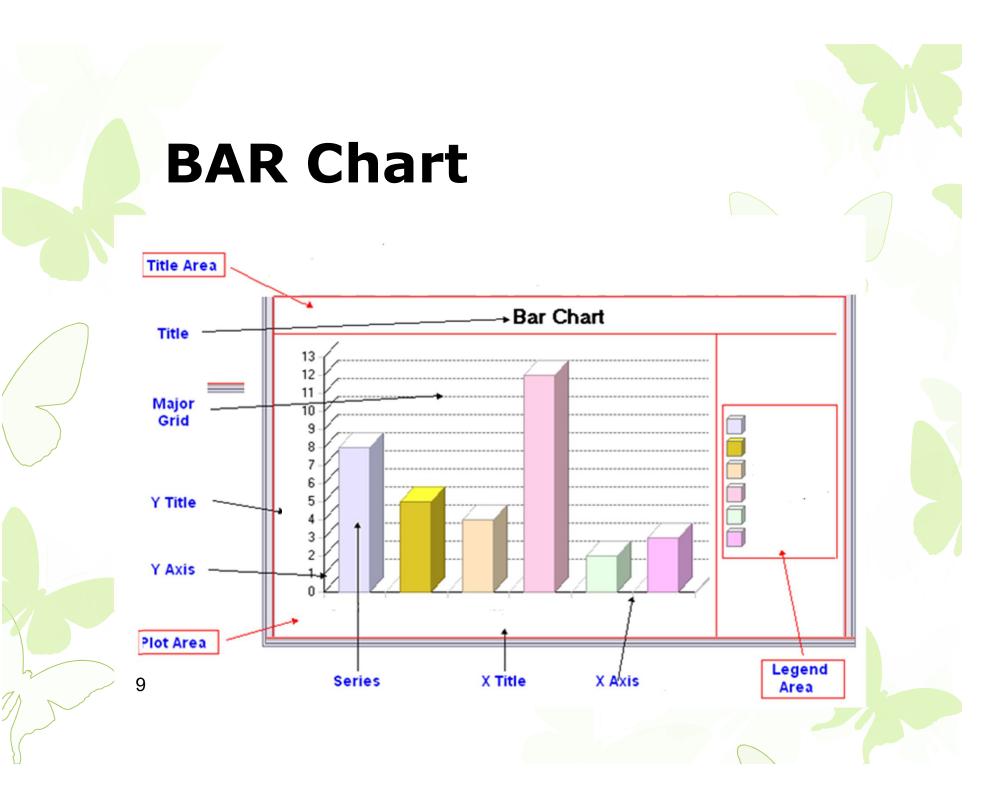
BAR Chart

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 Bar charts compare the data for the same item at specific intervals of time.

•The height of each column is used to represent each respective quantity and demonstrate how the quantities vary from time period to time period.

Consistent time intervals should be used.

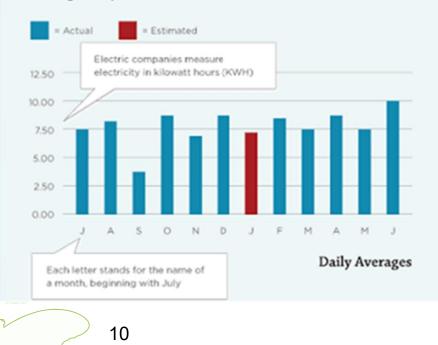




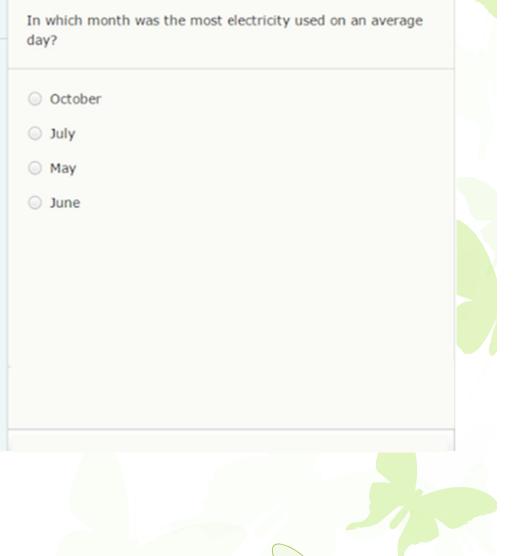
BAR Chart

Directions

Electric companies usually include bar graphs in their bills to show how much electricity you've used every day or every month. See what you can figure out from this graph.



Average Daily Electric Use



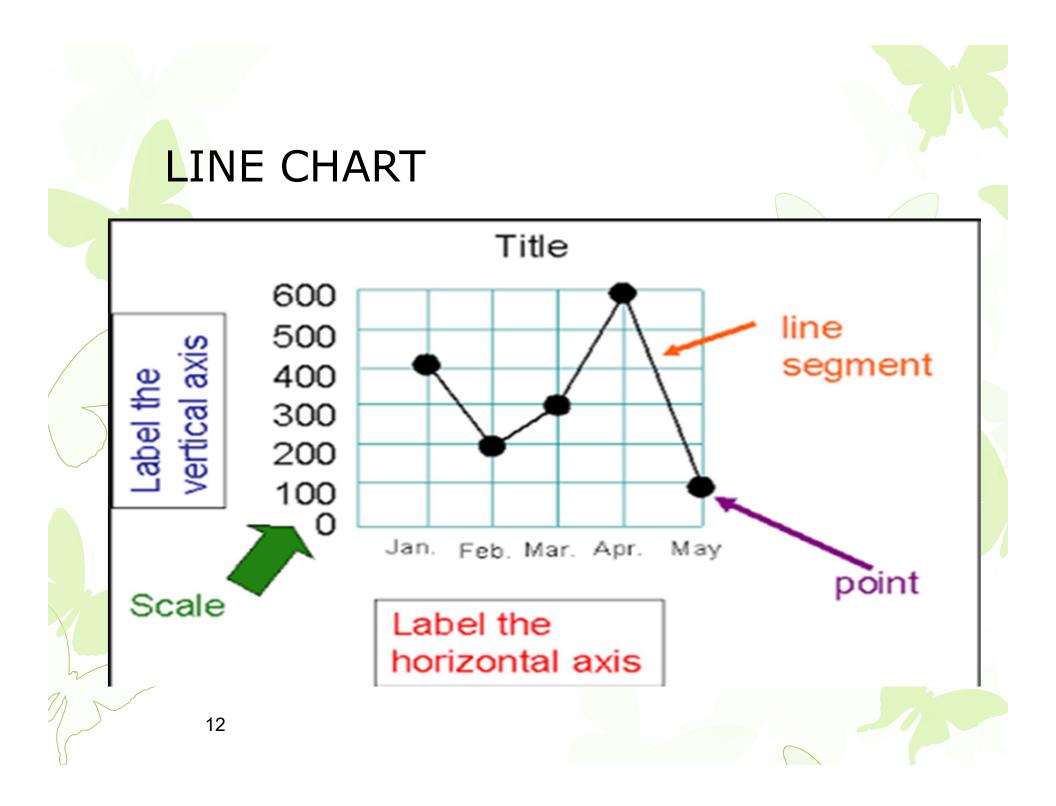
LINE Chart

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Line charts effectively show trends and time series data by showing one item at different points in time as a single, unbroken line.

 Multiple lines show on a single chart, but each line must be clearly distinguishable from the other lines through the use of patterns or color.

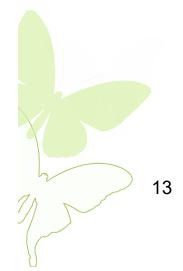
A good rule of thumb is to place no more than four lines on a single chart.



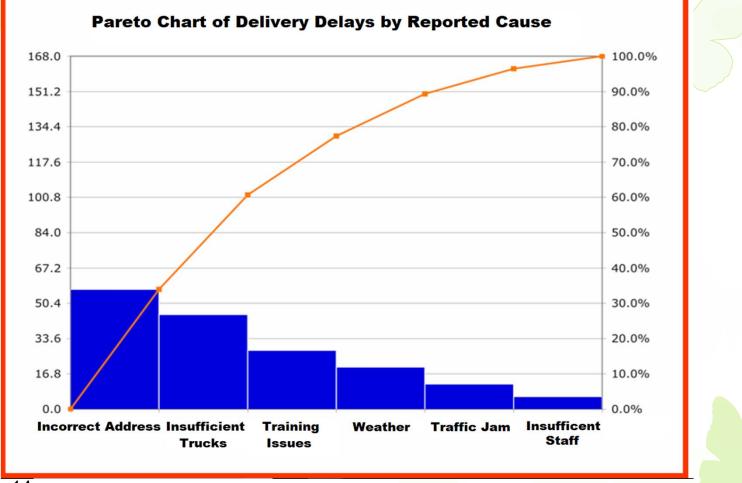
Pareto Chart



•A **Pareto chart** is a type of chart that contains both bars and a line graph, where individual values are represented in descending order by bars, and the cumulative total is represented by the line.



Pareto Chart



The questions the Pareto Chart Answers

oWhat are the biggest issues facing our team?

As a rule of thumb 20% of the issues are causing 80% of the problems (80/20 rule)

 Where should we focus our efforts to achieve the greatest improvements?

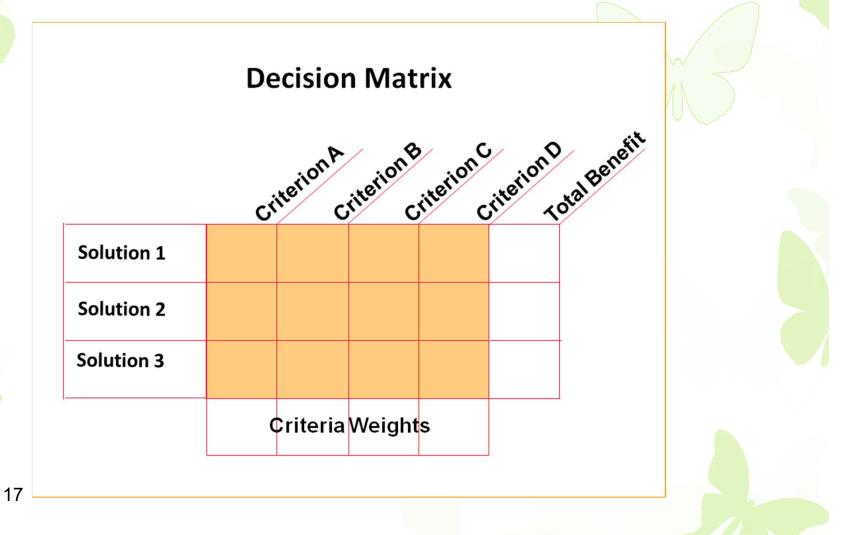
DECISION MATRIX



•A decision matrix is a chart that allows a team or individual to systematically identify, analyze, and rate the strength of relationships between sets of information. The matrix is especially useful for looking at large numbers of decision factors and assessing each factor's relative importance.

 A decision matrix is frequently used during quality planning activities to select product/service features and goals and to develop process steps and weigh alternatives.
 For quality improvement activities, a decision matrix can be useful in selecting a project, in evaluating alternative solutions to problems, and in designing remedies.

Decision Matrix





	Cost of	Parking	Security	Room for		Total
	building	Space		expansion		Benefits
Facility A	5	0	2	5	1 + 0 + 0.5 + 2 = 3.5	3.5
Facility B	3	3	2	4	0.6 + 0.45 + 0.5 + 1.6 = 3.15	3.15
Facility C	3	1	1	3	0.6 + 0.15 + 0.25 + 1.2 = 2.2	2.2
Facility D	2	1	1	1	0.4 + 0.15 + 0.25 + 0.40 = 1.2	1.2
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Decision Matrix





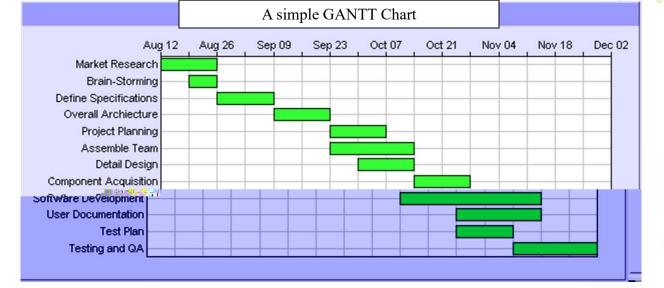
GANTT Chart

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 Definition: A Gantt chart is used to show activities displayed against time.

On the left of the chart is a list of activities and along the top is a time scale of hours, days, months, etc,- whatever unit is most suitable.

GANTT Chart



PERT

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○A PERT Chart shows the relationship among various steps in a project. It also serves as a way to calculate the critical path.

•The critical path is the longest time path through the network of steps. It identifies essential steps that must be completed on time in order to not delay completion of the total project.

PERT

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

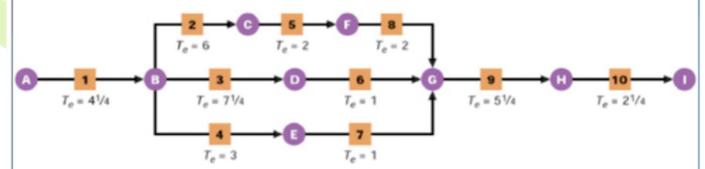
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TASK: Build three dozen customized golf carts for use by physically challenged adults



PERT events	PERT activiti	
	Activities	T
Receive contract	1. Prepare final design	3
Begin construction	2. Purchase parts	- 4
Receive parts	3. Fabricate bodies	5
Bodies ready for testing	4. Fabricate frames	21/
Frames ready for testing	5. Build drive trains	11/
Drive trains ready for testing	6. Test bodies	1/2
Components ready for assembly	7. Test frames	1/2
Carts assembled	8. Test drive trains	1
Carts ready for shipment	9. Assemble carts	3

es and times T_e^* Tm T_p 6 41/4 4 5 12 6 71/2 71/4 9 3 4 3 2 3 2 1 11/2 1 11/2 1 1 11/2 5 2 51/4 5 9 10. Test carts 2 5 21/4

*Rounded to nearest 1/4 workday

PERT

Enables a manager to:

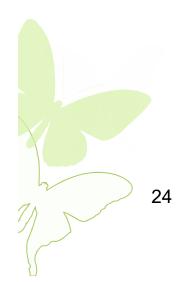
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 plan the best possible use of resources to achieve a given goal within the overall time and cost limitations.

 handle one-of-a-kind programs where it is not know exactly how long things will take -- as opposed to repetitive production situations.

 utilize a so-called "time network analysis' as a basic method of approach to determine manpower, material, and capital requirements.



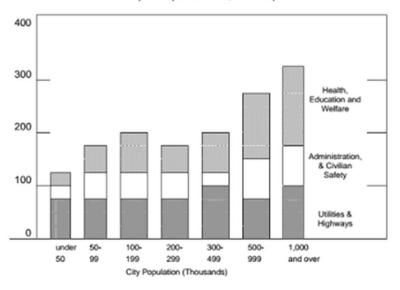






SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

Municipal Expenditures, Per Capita



Jsing the chart above, what is the approximate municipal expenditure per capita in cities having populations of 200,000 to 299,000?

- a. \$125
- b. \$175
- c. \$200
- d. \$300





Instructions:

Read the information provided in the following passage and answer the question that follows.

From time to time the State makes surplus property available for sale to the public. This property consists of State property; unclaimed or abandoned personal property and valuables, except those confiscated in conjunction with drug enforcement activities; and unclaimed stolen property. The surplus property is disposed of through sale bids, auctions and donations.

According to the passage,

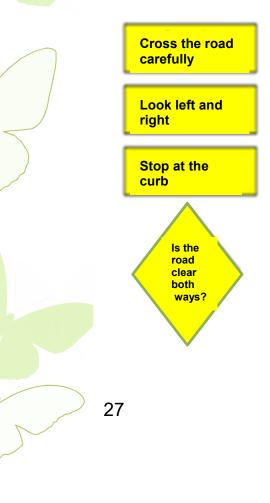
- a. the State's personal property brings in the largest sales.
- b. items that are not claimed by their owner will be sold to the public.
- c. the State holds regularly scheduled sales of property to the public.
- d. property obtained by drug enforcement activities is sold through the bid process.

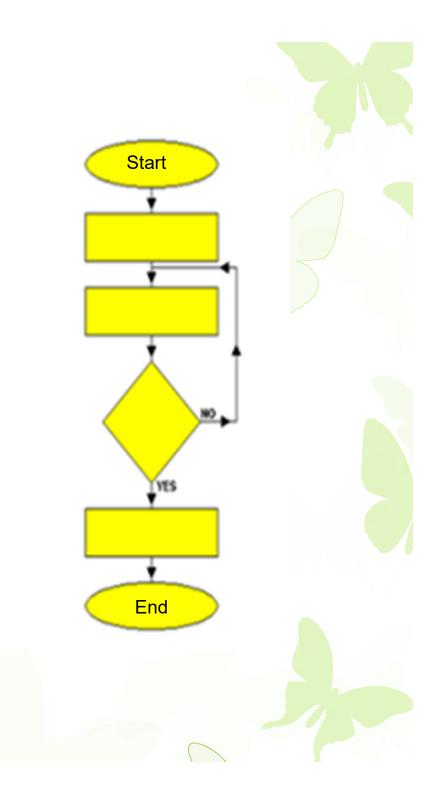
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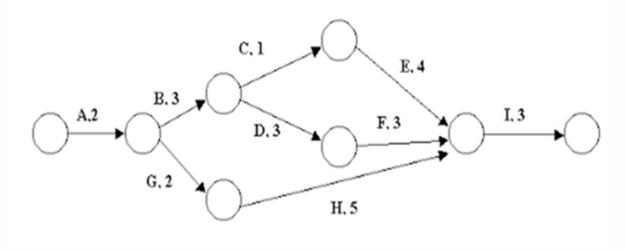
The flow chart on the right is meant to show the steps for safely crossing the road. There is a decision box in the flow chart.

Place the boxes below in the flow chart





Below is a PERT chart drawn to show the development of a system.

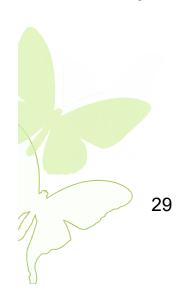


Which tasks are on the critical path of the PERT chart

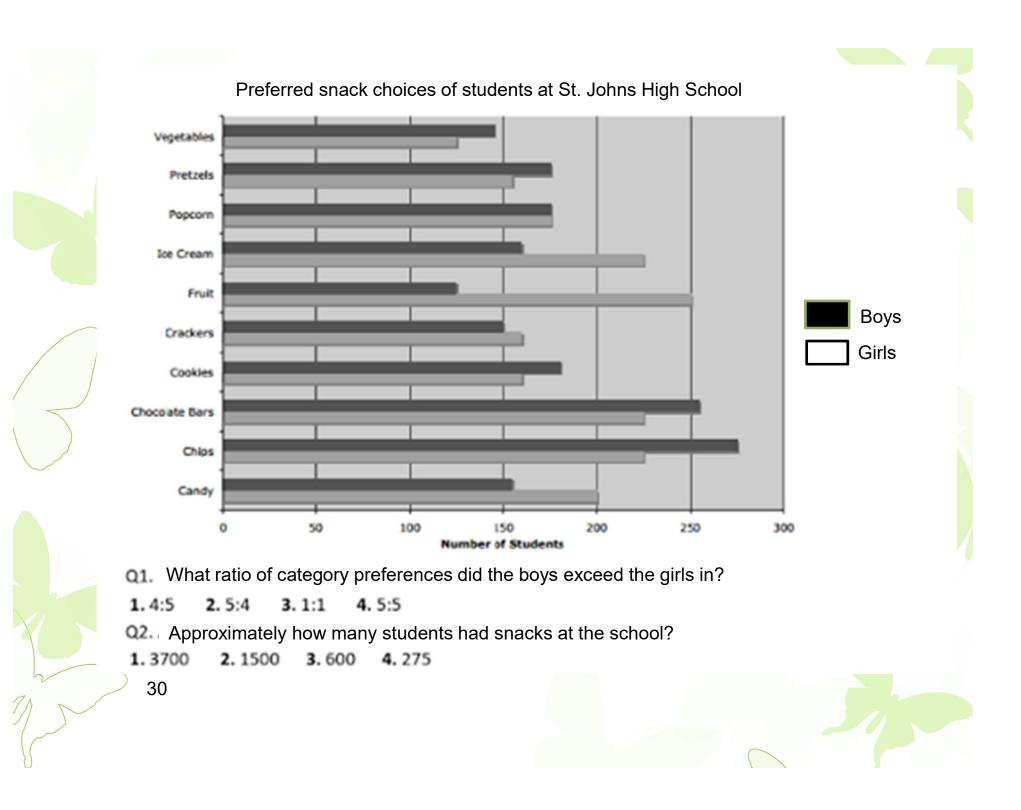
Which of the following control techniques is most useful on unique projects?



a. A general work plan
b. A Gantt chart
c. Monthly progress reports
d. PERT Chart





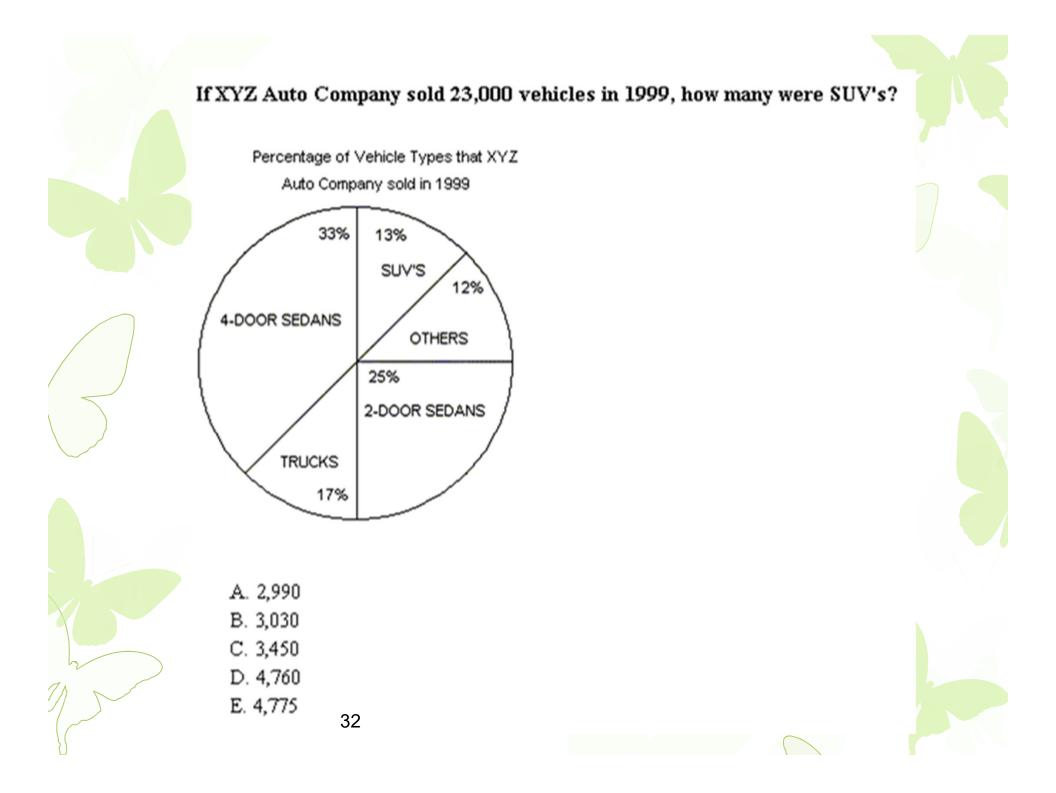


Your supervisor informs you that three of your fifteen employees have complained to her about your inconsistent methods of supervision. You should:

a. offer to attend a supervisory training program.b. first ask her if it is proper for her to allow these employees to go over your head.

c. ask her what specific acts have been considered inconsistent.

d. explain that you've purposely been inconsistent because of the needs of these three employees.



PERT is a system developed primarily to

a.Evaluate the quality of a project b.Analyze and control the timing aspects of a major project

c.Control the total expenditure of agency funds within a monthly or quarterly time period

d.Analyze and control the differential effect on cost of purchasing in different quantities

ADDENDUM

Under Mayoral Executive Order no. 16

1_____ The Inspector General for each agency reports directly to the commissioner for that agency.

2_____ The Inspector General has unrestricted access to all regular meetings of agency executive and managerial staff.

3_____ The Inspector General is prohibited from promotion into managerial and executive positions within the agency to which they are assigned.

4_____ Agency heads submit their own annual performance evaluation of the resident Inspector General based on the agreed upon tasks and standards to the IG Commissioner.

5_____ The Mayor or an agency head may direct that the employment on any person be subject to a background check by the Department of Investigation.

6_____ The Inspector General of each agency is notified of the disposition of formal disciplinary hearings.

7_____ The Standards of Conduct issued by each agency are consistent across agencies.