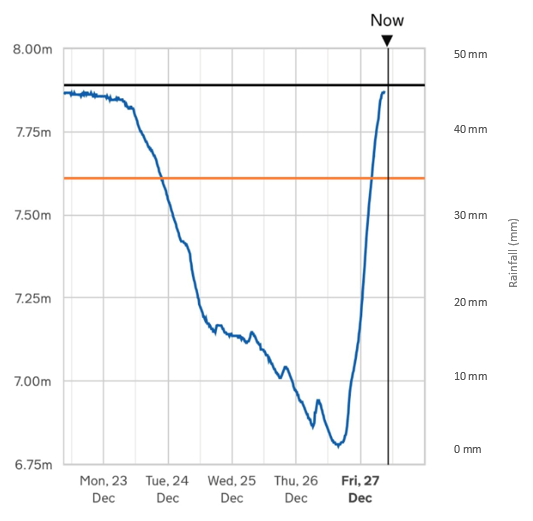
**Flood Management - The Fens**

1. Complete the flood hydrograph (Fig 1a) for the River Steeping below by drawing on bars to represent the rainfall data in fig 1b. (5 marks)
2. Give your completed graph a title. (1 mark)

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**Fig 1a**



**Fig 1b**

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|  | **Mon 23 Dec** | **Tue 24 Dec** | **Wed 25 Dec** | **Thu 26 Dec** | **Fri 27 Dec** | **Average** |
| Rainfall | 4 mm | 6 mm | 11 mm | 29 mm | 18 mm |  |

1. Complete Fig 1b by calculating the average rainfall for Monday 23 to Friday 27 December, use the space below for your working out.

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1. Estimate the lag time between peak rainfall and peak discharge.

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1. Farmers living close to the River Steeping report that when it rains on the surrounding hills it takes only a day for the water to reach the river compared to thirty years ago when it would take much longer. Explain why the lag time has shortened during recent years.

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(3 marks)

1. Read through **Source C** in the resource booklet.

Using examples from source C outline some of the arguments for and against hard engineering.

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(6 marks)

1. How can drainage basin management strategies be made more sustainable?

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(5 marks)

1. Many conservationists argue that flood affected areas are all too often built on the floodplains; experts therefore argue that to some degree flooding is a problem of our own making.

Do you agree with this statement?

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Extra space

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