

a)

The Block Diagram can be simplified using the feedback equation

$$T = \frac{G}{1 + GH}$$

Using  $G=1/(s+1)(s+2)$  and  $H=(1/s)$ , we find  $T=s/(s^3+3s^2+2s+1)$ .

Combining with the K block in cascade, we write

$$G_{new}(s) = Ks/(s^3+3s^2+2s+1)$$

Finally, we can use feedback again to simplify to a single block

$$T_{final}(s) = Ks/(s^3+3s^2+(K+2)s+1)$$

b)

We can use a Routh table to check for stability

$s^3$	1	$K+2$
$s^2$	3	1
$s^1$	$(5+3K)/3$	0
$s^0$	1	

To keep the first row positive, we need  $(5+3K)/3 > 0$   
or  $K > -5/3$ .