Introduction to Writing Harmonic Progressions

Using the Harmonic Flow Chart (see Harmonic Flow Chart handout), fill in the blanks in the examples below. Find a chord that appears on the Harmonic Flow Chart between the two chords framing the blank. Realize the progression on the staves below each. When writing the progression, connect the notes of the chords so that there is minimal movement without introducing parallel fifths.

Example: I IV ____ I V ____ V I

Possible Answer: I IV V I V I

(1) I ii ____ vi ____ V I

(2) I IV V ____ iii IV ____ I

(3) I V ____ ____ ii V ____

(4) I V ____ iii ____ ii viiº ____ I