1. Notions

- a) Clock period and clock rate in terms of ms, us, ns, ps, etc and KHz, MHz, GHz, etc
- b) Data size measurement: bit, byte, halfword, word, double word, KB, MB, GB, etc

2. Introduction

- a) How to calculate various simple measures of computer performance, including conversion between clock rate and clock period, CPU time, average CPI, and Amdahl's Law.
- b) How to compare the computer performance with the consideration of CPU time.

3. Number representations

- a) Number representations in difference bases: base 2, 8 and 16
- b) Conversion among different bases (base 10, 2, and 16)
- c) Two's complement representation for signed number
- d) Difference between sign extension and zero extension
- e) Floating number representation in IEEE 754
- f) Floating number range and precision
- g) Conversion between decimal and floating point values

4. Arithmetic

- a) Binary addition and subtraction for signed number
- b) Overflow detection
- c) Multiplication/Division hardware for integer binary
- d) Floating point addition/subtraction and multiplication
- e) Floating point overflow/underflow
- You don't need to draw the hardware diagram from scratch but you need to understand how it works

5. MIPS ISA

- a) ISA basics
 - i. Know how to read the MIPS reference sheet
 - ii. Know the usage of 32 MIPS integer registers
 - iii. Can write and understand basic MIPS assembly programming
 - iv. Know how to translate assembly to binary machine code and vice versa.
 - v. Know how to translate assembly to C/Java code and vice versa.
 - vi. Know how to index array element with both a constant value and a variable value
 - vii. Know how to implement if-then-else statements in MIPS
 - viii. Know how to implement a for loop in MIPS
 - ix. Know how to implement a while loop in MIPS
 - x. Know the usage of PC, LO and HI

b) Function usage in MIPS assembly

- i. Know what a caller needs to do before calling a function
- ii. Know how a function call is implemented in MIPS
- iii. Know exactly what instruction jal does
- iv. Know what a callee needs to do before it starts its computation
- v. Know what a callee needs to do before it returns to the calling function
- vi. Know how to return values to the calling function
- vii. Know exactly what instruction jr does

- viii. Know usage of stack
- c) MIPS encoding: R format, I format, J format instruction format
 - i. Addressing mode for different instructions
 - ii. How to compute and encode the offset in a conditional branch instruction (bne and beg)
 - iii. How to compute and encode the target address in J format
- 6. Single cycle datapath and control
 - a) Know datapath for R-format instructions: participated elements and data flow
 - b) Know control signal setting for R-format instructions
 - c) Know datapath for I-format instructions (Iw and sw): participated elements and data flow
 - d) Know control signal setting for I-format instructions
 - e) Know datapath for branch instruction: participated elements and data flow
 - f) Know control signal setting for the branch instruction
 - g) Know datapath for J-format instruction: participated elements and data flow
 - h) Know control signal setting for J-format
 - i) Know why some control signal can be 'x' (don't care)
 - j) Know how the control signals control the datapath: RegDst, ALUSrc, ALUop, RegWrite, MemRead, MemWrite, MemtoReg, Branch, and jump
 - k) Given descriptions of the new instructions, know the datapath and control signal settings.
 - You don't need to draw the datapath graph from scratch but you need to understand the datapath and control signal settings.

