the value should be a string. convert it to string, if it's not. like ""+123 or Integer.toString(123)

String value="123";

Substring start from the value length char index until end length of padded

String padded="00000000".substring(value.length())+value;

//now padded="00000123"

**More precise**

pad right

String padded=value+("ABCDEFGH".substring(value.length()));

//now padded="123DEFGH"

pad left

String padded=("ABCDEFGH".substring(0,"ABCDEFGH".length()-value.length()))+value;

//now padded="ABCDE123"