

1. (a) Explain why it is desirable to have more than one possible representation for a value. Give an example of where this might be useful in computer system design. [3]
- (b)
 - i. Convert 158_{10} to 8-bit wide unsigned binary. [3]
 - ii. Convert 1001111100100111_2 to hexadecimal. [3]
 - iii. Convert 2144_{10} to octal. [4]
 - iv. Explain the concept of *overflow*. Your answer should describe why the concept is relevant to computer system design. [3]
 - v. Show how 18_{10} can be subtracted from 46_{10} in two's complement. [5]
- (c) Convert 2.0625_{10} to an 8-bit wide fixed point binary representation. Comment on the range of your fixed point representation. [4]