

Question 1. [10 MARKS]

Short answer section: Give a short answer to each of the following questions. Marks will be deducted for overly long answers.

Part (a) [2 MARKS]

What is the difference between an effect and a side-effect of an expression?

SAMPLE SOLUTION

The effect is what the expression evaluates to, while a side-effect causes the state of the environment to change: changing the value of a memory cell, input or output, etc.

Part (b) [2 MARKS]

Give an example of an expression in Java or C that has a side-effect. What is the side-effect?

SAMPLE SOLUTION

Many different solutions. `i++;` is a common answer, changing the value of a variable.

Part (c) [2 MARKS]

Give an example of a Scheme expression that has a side-effect.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

Analogously, `(set! i (+ 1 i))`. `(display "Hi!")` is also perfectly acceptable.

Part (d) [2 MARKS]

Give one advantage of compilation over interpretation.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

Speed of execution, compiler can optimize more aggressively, etc.

Part (e) [2 MARKS]

Give one advantage of interpretation over compilation.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

Better debugging/error messages, rapid prototyping, easy to “tweak” a program, etc.

Question 2. [6 MARKS]

Suppose we write the following statements in Scheme:

```
(define x 10)
(define y 20)
```

What do the following Scheme expressions evaluate to? Assume (for the purposes of side-effects) that they are executed in the given order.

Value:

(a) `(+ x 1)`

11

(b) `(let ((x 2)) (+ x y))`

22

(c) `(let ((x 1) (y x)) (+ x y))`

11

(d) `(begin (set! x 5) (- y x))`

15

(e) `((lambda (x a) (set! x a) x) x 4)`

4

(f) `(+ x 1)`

6

Question 3. [6 MARKS]

`list-and` takes a single argument, a list, and returns the *logical and* of the elements of the list. That is, it returns `#f` if any of the items in the list are `#f`, and `#t` otherwise. For example,

```
(define l '(#t 1 #f ,(even? 2)))
(list-and l) => #f
(list-and '(1 ,(even? 2))) => #t
```

Note that the list has already been composed (and its elements evaluated), so we don't use short-circuit evaluation here.

Part (a) [1 MARK]

Can `list-and` be written as a procedure in Scheme? (yes or no) Yes

Part (b) [5 MARKS]

Write a Scheme procedure that performs `list-and` (without using `and`), or explain why it can't be done.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

```
(define list-and
  (lambda (l)
    (if (null? l) #t
        (if (car l) (list-and (cdr l))
            #f))))
```

Question 4. [5 MARKS]

The Scheme `not` procedure takes a single argument and returns the *logical negation* of the argument.

Part (a) [1 MARK]

Can `not` be written as a macro (syntactic extension) in Scheme (without using the built-in `not`)? (yes or no) Yes

Part (b) [4 MARKS]

Write a Scheme macro that performs `not` (without using the built-in `not` and without defining new procedures), or explain why it can't be done.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

```
(define-syntax my-not
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((_ a) (if a #f #t))))
```

Question 5. [8 MARKS]

A `repeat ... until` loop is common in many programming languages. We want to write code like the following in Scheme:

```
(let ((i 1))
  (repeat (display i)
          (newline)
          (set! i (+ i 1))
          (until (> i 5))))
```

Part (a) [4 MARKS]

Write the Scheme code that the following statement should expand to:

```
(repeat EXPR1 EXPR2 (until TEST))
```

Use only standard Scheme procedures and forms (such as `if`, `lambda`, the `let` forms, etc.).

Hint: Write a procedure to execute one iteration of the loop, and call it until the test is true.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

There are two general methods: `letrec` and named `let`.

```
(letrec ((p (lambda () EXPR1 EXPR2 (if (not TEST) (p)))))) (p))
```

or

```
(let loop () EXPR1 EXPR2 (if (not TEST) (loop)))
```

Note that `let` does not work, since the procedure must recursively call itself.

Part (b) [4 MARKS]

Write a macro in Scheme that implements a `repeat ... until` loop as illustrated above. It should automate the expansion you gave in part (a). `until` should be treated as a keyword, and must appear last.

SAMPLE SOLUTION

```
(define-syntax repeat
  (syntax-rules (until)
    ((_ e ... (until test))
     (let loop () e ... (if (not test) (loop))))))
```