2003 Paper 12 Question 2

Computer Design

- (a) Name and describe three reasons for a cache miss. [6 marks]
- (b) For each reason, suggest a technique for reducing the number of misses.

[6 marks]

- (c) Why might it be advantageous to use a set-associative cache instead of a fully associative one? [4 marks]
- (d) Describe two techniques for reducing the miss penalty. [4 marks]