

6 Security (mgk25)

- (a) During a security review, you encounter the following C function, which may be called by untrusted code:

```
int table[800];

int insert_in_table(int val, int pos) {
    if (pos > sizeof(table) / sizeof(int)) return -1;
    table[pos] = val;
    return 0;
}
```

Identify potential vulnerabilities and provide a fixed version. [4 marks]

- (b) When you log into a system that uses Kerberos authentication by providing a password (e.g., using the Unix/Linux/macOS command `kinit`):
- (i) What data does your computer send to and receive from the key-distribution centre (KDC) and which parts of that data are encrypted with whose key or password? [9 marks]
  - (ii) What is the purpose of a ticket-granting ticket? [2 marks]
  - (iii) Where are Kerberos tickets stored? [2 marks]
- (c) Suggest and briefly explain three countermeasures used by a typical Linux distribution to mitigate the risk of stack-overflow vulnerabilities in included software. [3 marks]