

1.5 Casting and Range of Variables

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 9 marks**

KEY WORDS cast 强制类型转换 • casting 类型转换 • integer overflow 整数溢出 • truncates 截断
• type 类型

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **casting and the range of variables**.

You must be able to:

- use a **cast** 强制类型转换 such as `(int)` or `(double)` to convert a numeric type
- understand that casting a **double** to an **int** **truncates** 截断 the fraction
- describe how **integer overflow** 整数溢出 occurs
- round a **double** by adding 0.5 before casting to **int**

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ Casting

A **cast** converts a value from one numeric type to another. Casting a **double** to an **int** **truncates** (drops) the fractional part: `(int) 7.9` is 7.

■ Range and overflow

An **int** can only hold values within a fixed **range**; a result too large causes **integer overflow**.

■ Rounding

To round to the nearest integer, add 0.5 first: `(int)(x + 0.5)`.

2 Practice

2.1 State what casting a **double** to an **int** does to the fractional part. [1]

2.2 Evaluate `(int) 8.7`. [1]

2.3 Show how to round 4.6 to the nearest **int** using a cast, and give the result. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 `(int) 3.99` evaluates to [1]

- | | |
|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A 4
B 3
C 3.99
D 0

3.2 A result too large for the **int** type causes [1]

- | | |
|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A truncation
B integer overflow
C a syntax error
D rounding

3.3 Let `double d = 5.8;`.

- (a) State the value of `(int) d`. [1]
(b) State the value of `(int)(d + 0.5)`. [1]
(c) State what a cast from **double** to **int** drops. [1]