

2016
MATRICULATION EXAMINATION
DEPARTMENT OF MYANMAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: (3) Hours

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

I. Read the passage.

Computers are very reliable: they can work for a long time without breaking down. This is because they have no moving parts. Robots need lots of moving parts. They have motors and gearboxes which move and can wear out, and they need people to maintain them like any other machine. Eventually, robots will probably be able to service and mend each other. However, robots are generally predictable, precise and untiring in their work. Used correctly, they can improve the quality of products; as they do not have " off " days, they can also bring savings in materials and energy.

Human workers now have the number of hours they work each day limited by law. The law also protects them from working in dangerous conditions. In special factories, robots can work happily for 24 hours a day.

(A) Write the correct word or words to complete each sentence. (5 marks)

- (1) ----- do not have moving parts.
- (2) Motors and ----- in robots can move and wear out.
- (3) Probably, robots will be able to ----- each other.
- (4) ----- do not have " off " days.
- (5) The number of hours human workers work each day is ----- by law.

(B) Answer each question in one sentence. (5 marks)

- (6) How long can computers work?
- (7) What do robots need for maintenance?
- (8) What can we save by using robots?
- (9) What does the law protect human workers from?
- (10) Where can robots work happily for 24 hours a day?

II. Fill in each numbered blank with a word from the list given. (10 marks)

Write down only the number of the blank and the word that fill it.

about	back	before	by	colours
dream	dreams	ending	just	negative
night	secrets	talk	the	their
they	usually	usually	were	when

Dreams also become more intense as the ---(1)--- continues. Nightmares usually occur towards dawn.

People ---(2)--- in colour, but many don't remember the ---(3)---. Certain people can control some of their ---(4)---. They make sure they have a happy ---(5)---. Some people get relief from bad dreams ---(6)--- writing them down and then changing the ---(7)--- stories or thoughts into positive ones on ---(8)--- written paper. Then they study the paper ---(9)--- they go to sleep again.

Many people ---(10)--- in their sleep, but it is usually ---(11)--- confused half sentences. They might feel embarrassed ---(12)--- someone tells them they were talking in ---(13)--- sleep, but they probably didn't tell any ---(14)---.

[P.T.O.]

Sleepwalking is most common among children. They ---(15)--- grow out of it by the time ---(16)--- become adolescents. Children don't remember that they ---(17)--- walking in their sleep, and they don't ---(18)--- wake up if the parent leads them ---(19)--- to bed.

There are lots of jokes ---(20)--- snoring, but it isn't really funny.

III. Write the appropriate words or groups of words to complete the sentences and lines of verse. (10 marks)

- (1) The poor astrologer was ----- out of his wits.
- (2) Candles and ----- helped people know how much time had gone by.
- (3) Bagan is recognized by the world's travellers as one of the -----.
- (4) A lot of pressures are encouraging you to ----- your appearance.
- (5) Langkawi is one of the pleasant ----- in Malaysia.
- (6) Long, long afterward, in -----
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
- (7) A railroad bridge
Where ----- slowly crawl;
- (8) Happy the man, whose wish and care
A few ----- bound.
- (9) For song and mother-croon of bird
In hushed and happy ----- heard
- (10) In rough October
Earth must -----;

IV. Give complete answers to these questions. (10 marks)

- (1) When and which institute did Captain Keller contact to get help for Hellen Keller? (OR)
When and by whom was the first calendar made?
- (2) How were the pendulum clocks called and where were they enclosed? (OR)
What cannot be bought with money?

Say something about these lines (from your prescribed text).

- (3) What is the title of the unit from which the sentence is taken? What does the underlined word, "its" refer to?
Like the earth, the moon does not shine by its own light.
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?
"Earrings", she said, "are a form of vanity we can't afford".
- (5) What do these lines mean?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

V. Read the passage.

Thailand is situated on the gulf of Siam, bounded on the east by Laos and Cambodia, on the south by Malaysia and on the west by Myanmar.

Bangkok is the capital of Thailand and is regarded as a shopper's paradise. Some of its restaurants stage cultural shows where one can enjoy the twin pleasures of Thai cuisine and classical dance. The dancers use their movements to interpret the stories of the "Ramakien", the Thai version of the Ramayana. While in Bangkok, culture lovers can watch dance or drama at such venues as Thailand's National Theatre, the Thailand Cultural Centre and the Monthienthong Theatre.

There are many opportunities for sports too. The beach resorts at Pattaya and Phuket offer a wide range of activities from scuba diving and windsurfing to golf.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) Where is Thailand situated and what are its neighbouring countries?

- (2) What do some restaurants in Bangkok stage and what kind of dance can we enjoy while trying Thai cuisine?
- (3) What is "Ramakien" and what do the dancers use to interpret the stories of the "Ramakien"?
- (4) At which venues can culture lovers watch dance or drama in Bangkok?
- (5) Which beach resorts can we visit for relaxation as well as for sports in Thailand?
What sports activities do the beach resorts offer?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) ghee he said to himself comes from cows milk
- (2) ko swe asked me have you ever been to the silver pagoda in cambodia
- (3) the manager said ill go to nay pyi taw on sunday
- (4) mother asked ko lay why dont you go to school today
- (5) daw mya said to ma thuzar my daughter has been on diet since last october

VII.(A) Finish each sentence in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence that is given.

(10 marks)

- (1) After Ma Ma had tidied her room, she took a rest.
Having -----
- (2) "Can't you draw in your room?" Ko Ko said to Mi Mi.
Ko Ko asked -----
- (3) I had just sat at the table when the light went out.
No sooner -----
- (4) The fishermen threw out their nets and waited patiently.
After -----
- (5) Although he had good qualities, he was quite stubborn.
In spite of -----
- (6) The organizers must display a great number of goods in a minimum space.
A great number -----
- (7) He was so rich that he did not care about the high cost of living.
He was too -----
- (8) Neither Ko Ko nor Nyi Nyi eats pork.
Not only -----
- (9) You can save your money in the bank.
If not, you can buy gold bars with it.
You can either -----
- (10) Greenland is the biggest island in the world.
There is no -----

(B) Using the prompts given, write a very short paragraph on ONE of the following.

(10 marks)

- Shopping at supermarkets** - there – enormous increase – number – shops, stores and supermarkets – provide – self-service – last few years
 - purpose – to provide – goods – description attractively and hygienically – condition
 - therefore – customer – serve – and – pay for – goods – minimum – delay
 - organizers – self-service store – difficulties
 - they – display – great number – goods – minimum space – covering up

- deal – perishable foodstuffs – different ranges – temperature
- arrange – speedy flow – customers – cash registers – overtaxing – operators
- for the purposes – display – devices – used such as long lengths – shelves to take – sizes of packs – rotating – shelves – islands of – stands, racks for – foods – mobile stalls
- foodstuffs – fruit – vegetables – meat – kept in – self-service cabinets
- cabinets – keep goods – required temperature – zero degree – 40 or 50 degrees Fahrenheit – type of the goods

Dengue fever

- dengue fever – viral disease – by – Aedes mosquitoes
- occurs mainly – tropical – subtropical – and is – common during – rainy – areas infested – mosquitoes
- WHO – 2.5 billion – are – risk from – four – types – dengue virus
- such virus – transmitted – people – infected mosquitoes
- there – tens – millions – dengue fever cases – year
- symptoms – dengue – 5 to 6 days – being bitten – infected mosquito
- include fever – headaches – eye – joint – muscle – rash
- rash – begins – arms or legs – 3 to 4 days – fever – starts
- symptoms – resolve – 1 to 2 weeks – include loss – appetite – vomiting – pain – shock and bleeding – nose – skin
- treatment – disease – bed rest – common – pain – medication

VIII. You are Kyi Sin. You live at No. 9, Main Road, Kalaw. Write a letter to your aunt, Daw Thida, who lives in Yangon, thanking her for the mobile phone she gave you and telling her how useful it is to you. (10 marks)

(OR)

You are Bo Bo. You live at No. 3, 80th Street, Mandalay. Write a letter to your friend, Zaw Zaw, who lives in Yangon, telling him about the new house your family moved into recently. And tell him what you like and dislike about it.

(OR)

You are Toe Toe. Your address is No. 7, Thitsar Street, Sagaing. Write a letter to your sister, Khin Khin, who is working in Japan, telling her about your flower garden and the benefits you gain from gardening.

IX. Write an essay of three paragraphs on ONE of the following. (15 marks)

Tourist attractions in Myanmar

(OR)

Prevention is better than cure

(OR)

Why everyone should love reading
