

**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.

People dream in colour, but many don't remember the colours. Certain people can control some of their dreams. They make sure they have a happy ending. Some people get relief from bad dreams by writing them down and then changing the negative stories or thoughts into positive ones on the written paper. Then they study the paper before they go to sleep again.

Many people talk in their sleep, but it is usually just confused half sentences. They might feel embarrassed when someone tells them they were talking in their sleep, but they probably didn't tell any secrets.

Sleepwalking is most common among children. They usually grow out of it by the time they become adolescents. Children don't remember that they were walking in their sleep, and they don't usually wake up if the parent leads them back to bed.

There are lots of jokes about snoring, but it isn't really funny. People snore because they have trouble breathing while they are asleep. Some snorers have a condition called sleep apnea. They stop breathing up to thirty or forty times an hour because the throat muscles relax too much and block the airway.

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

- (1) Many people do not remember the ----- of the things they dreamed of.
- (2) To get ----- from bad dreams, people write them down and change them into positive ones.
- (3) A person who has trouble breathing while he is asleep -----
- (4) Snoring is not really funny although people usually tell ----- about it.
- (5) A person who has ----- stops breathing thirty or forty times an hour.

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

- (6) What do some people do to get relief from bad dreams?
- (7) What kind of sentences do people who talk in their sleep usually produce?
- (8) When do children stop sleepwalking?
- (9) Why do snorers who have sleep apnea stop breathing while they are asleep?
- (10) How do you feel when you are told that you were talking in your sleep?

II. Fill in each numbered blank with a word from the list given. There are five extra words. Write down only the number of the blank and the word that fills it. (10 marks)

an	and	and	attracted	beautiful
but	feel	find	handsome	long
love	low	men	ones	or
or	others	slanting	some	the
think	those	turned-up	versa	worried

Different people have different ideas of beauty ---(1)--- handsomeness. You only have to look at ---(2)--- around you to realize that people are ---(3)--- by every possible physical type. Some people ---(4)--- plumpness attractive. Some go for black hair; ---(5)---, brown. At different times in history, writers ---(6)--- artists have admired pure, high foreheads or ---(7)---, broad ones; large, round, lustrous eyes or ---(8)---, inscrutable ones; sloping shoulders or broad, square ---(9)---; wide, humorous mouths or neat, small ones; ---(10)--- noses or straight ones.

Some think that ---(11)--- who are tall, dark and muscular are ---(12)--- but for some, those who are fair ---(13)--- slightly built are cute.

If you are ---(14)--- about how you look, you're certainly not ---(15)--- only one. Most of your friends probably ---(16)--- equally insecure, though they may not admit ---(17)--- show it. Girls who are tall usually ---(18)--- to be dainty and small, and vice ---(19)---; plump girls with rosy round faces would ---(20)--- to be pale and delicate; slender girls with very white skin hate their pale and colourless look.

III.(A) Choose the appropriate words to complete the sentences. (5 marks)

- (1) Visitors to this region enjoy the green fields and ----- mountain views.
(A) breathtaking (B) encouraging (C) relaxing
- (2) Myanmar people ----- their respects to their elders during Thadingyut.
(A) give (B) pay (C) send
- (3) Being lost in the forest was a frightening ----- for him.
(A) event (B) experience (C) result
- (4) The company that they started in 1898 is still ----- existence today.
(A) in (B) into (C) on
- (5) I don't like this dress because it makes me ----- fat.
(A) to look (B) look (C) looking

III.(B) Write the appropriate words or groups of words to complete the lines of verse.

(5 marks)

- (6) And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the -----.
- (7) For song and ----- of bird
In hushed and happy twilight heard –
- (8) Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;
Thus ----- let me die;
- (9) No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as -----;
- (10) I thought I saw a -----
Sail through a sea of blue;

IV. Give complete answers to these questions.

(10 marks)

- (1) What is the largest temple in the world and where is it situated?
- (2) What are the tasks that domestic robots can perform?
- (3) What problem can be solved by using modern cash registers? Give an example of one such machine.
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?
“What are you staying there for?”
- (5) **What do these lines mean?**
Birds sing in tune
To flowers of May,

V. Read the passage.

Roughly 60 percent of the body is made of water, but how much of it do you drink in a day? Although it is the best thing we can put in our body, most of us are not drinking enough water. Drinking water, in either plain or in the form of other fluids or foods is essential to your health.

Experts recommend adults drink between 8 and 10 glasses a day. Drinking coffee or soda is not included because they can make your body lose too much water. So, why should we drink water? If you want to feel positive and focused, you should drink water. Losing water in your

body can lead to forgetfulness and tiredness. When your body doesn't have enough water it gets tired. So for extra energy, make sure you drink plenty of water. Do you always feel hungry? Drink a glass of water. When you drink water, it fills your stomach and reduces the possibility to eat more. This will also help you lose weight. Drinking plenty of water may also prevent you from getting a headache.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) According to the author, in what forms can we drink water?
- (2) How much water should an adult drink a day according to the experts?
- (3) Why isn't drinking coffee the same as drinking water?
- (4) What will happen to you if you lose water in your body?
- (5) Why do you think drinking water helps you lose weight?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) ghee he said to himself comes from cows milk
- (2) son youre happy now arent you said the boys mother
- (3) thida said ill phone you when i arrive there thanda
- (4) dont be angry with me as im telling the truth thiha said thura
- (5) sandi said marlar i havent done my homework yet

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

(10 marks)

- (1) Kyaw Thu said, "Please don't tell my father that I did not attend the classes yesterday." Kyaw Thu told -----.
- (2) All the children like playing computer games. There is no -----.
- (3) My mother had just finished cooking dinner when my father got home from work. No sooner -----.
- (4) The police have investigated an official enquiry into the accident. An official enquiry -----.
- (5) I admitted my mistake to my mother. Then, I felt relieved. After I -----.
- (6) Although I have seen this movie several times, I still cry at the end. In spite of -----.
- (7) If you follow the school rules and regulations, you won't be punished. Unless -----.
- (8) It is very cold. We cannot go out without wearing warm clothes. It is too -----.
- (9) We sometimes work too hard to enjoy the beauty of nature. We sometimes work so -----.
- (10) Thida shouted with joy when she heard that she won a scholarship to study at Harvard University. Hearing -----.

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

(10 marks)

- Helen Keller**
- Helen Keller – born – Captain Arthur Keller – Kate Keller – Tuscumbia – Alabama – 1880
 - 1882 – Helen Keller almost died – mysterious illness – became blind – deaf
 - Helen became wild – violent – Captain Keller asked – director – Perkins Institute for the Blind – Boston – help – Helen

- director asked Annie Sullivan – become Helen’s teacher – Annie agreed
- Annie first met Helen – very messy spoilt little girl – kicked Annie – face – knocked – tooth
- Annie asked – Kellers – leave – alone – dining room – Helen – tried – teach Helen good manners
- later – succeeded – getting Helen – sit – eat – food properly
- next day – asked Mr. Keller – let – live alone – Helen – guesthouse – garden
- lived there – Helen – two weeks – tried – teach – language
- Helen finally graduated – Radcliffe College – wrote books – became famous

Dengue fever

- Dengue fever – viral disease carried – Aedes mosquitoes – occurs – tropical – subtropical regions
- There – four major types – dengue virus – most common – rainy season – areas infested – infected mosquitoes
- symptoms generally start 5 – 6 days – bitten – infected mosquito
- include fever – painful headache – eye – joint – muscle pain – rash
- rash – usually begins – arms – legs – 3 – 4 days – fever starts
- symptoms resolve completely – 1 – 2 weeks
- dengue haemorrhagic fever – severe – potentially fatal infection
- occurs – someone – immune – one type – dengue virus – infected – different type
- symptoms – loss of appetite – vomiting – intense abdominal pain – shock – bleeding – nose – skin
- occurrence may be associated – those – infected – second time – immune-suppressed – age – 15.

VIII. Choose a situation given below and write a letter. Do not write more than 300 words. (10 marks)

You are **Hnin Hnin**. You live at **No. 12, Pagoda Road, Bago**. Write a letter to **your friend, Kyaw Zin**, who wastes a lot of his time playing network games. Tell him to stop playing the games and study his lessons regularly as the matriculation examination is drawing near.

(OR)

You are **Sandi**. You live at **No. 18, 20th Street, Yangon**. Write a letter to **your cousin, Chaw Hsu**, who is working as a manager in a factory, asking her whether you can get a part-time job there after your examination and explain to her why you want to get the job.

IX. Write an essay of three paragraphs on ONE of the following. Do not write more than 500 words. (15 marks)

The importance of having loving relationships with people around us

(OR)

The pros and cons of the use of mobile phones

(OR)

Why parents should spend more time with their children
