

**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.

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.

Most people need from 7½ to 8½ hours of sleep a night, but this varies with individuals. Babies sleep eighteen hours, and old people need less sleep than younger people. If someone continually sleeps longer than normal for no apparent reason, there may be something physically or psychologically wrong.

You cannot save hours of sleep the way you save money in the bank. If you have only 5 hours of sleep for three nights, you don't need to sleep an extra 9 hours on the weekend.

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

- (1) Sleepwalking most ----- happens among children.
- (2) When a child becomes an -----, he stops sleepwalking.
- (3) When children are ----- back to bed while sleepwalking, they don't usually wake up.
- (4) Jokes are usually funny but making jokes about ----- is not.
- (5) Snorers with sleep apnea ----- breathing many times an hour.

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

- (6) What blocks the airway of snorers with sleep apnea and why?
- (7) How many hours a day does a baby sleep?
- (8) Who need more sleep – old people or younger people?
- (9) What problem may people who sleep longer than normal without any obvious reason have?
- (10) According to the passage, how are sleep and money different?

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)

be	day	from	have	However
If	in	in	like	limited
machine	motors	Moreover	on	out
ring	robots	Robots	the	the
their	This	week	When	work

Computers are very reliable; they can ---(1)--- for a long time without breaking down. ---(2)--- is because they have no moving parts. ---(3)--- need lots of moving parts. They have ---(4)--- and gearboxes which move and can wear ---(5)---, and they need people to maintain them ---(6)--- any other machine. Eventually, robots will probably ---(7)--- able to service and mend each other. ---(8)---, robots are generally predictable, precise and untiring ---(9)--- their work. Used correctly, they can improve ---(10)--- quality of products, as they do not ---(11)--- "off" days. They can also bring savings --- (12)--- materials and energy.

Human workers now have ---(13)--- number of hours they work each day ---(14)--- by law. The law also protects them ---(15)--- working in dangerous conditions. In special factories, ---(16)--- can work happily for 24 hours a ---(17)---. They work on through the night while ---(18)--- human supervisors are at home in bed. ---(19)--- there were any problems, the robots could ---(20)--- up the supervisor and ask for help!

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

- (1) There was no one when she ----- home but the door was open.
(A) arrived at (B) got to (C) reached
- (2) My sister always tidies my desk for me, but I always end up having to ----- it right afterwards.
(A) do (B) make (C) take
- (3) Materials can be investigated examining the light ----- from them.
(A) scatters (B) scattered (C) scattering
- (4) I am constantly picking ----- the things the children leave lying around.
(A) off (B) out (C) up
- (5) Moving parts in engines wear ----- much more quickly than stationary parts.
(A) off (B) out (C) down

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

(5 marks)

- (6) A railroad bridge
Where freight trains -----
- (7) For, so swiftly -----, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.
- (8) Blest, who can ----- find
Hours, days and years, slide soft away
- (9) No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where ----- hide their nuts in grass
- (10) To pounce upon a cloud frog
That ----- lay.

IV. Give complete answers to these questions.

(10 marks)

- (1) How was the problem of Juliet Caesar's calendar going too fast solved?
- (2) What happened to the ghee in the leaf in the hand of the philosopher when he became lost in philosophical speculations?
- (3) Name two functions of the Automatic Itemizing and Change Computing Cash Register used in the self-service store.
- (4) Where and when does dengue fever mainly occur?
- (5) **What do these lines mean?**
Stars fall and shoot
In keen November;

V. Read the passage.

Raindrops fall continuously from the sky. They hit the ground with sprays of water in all directions, forming channels on the ground. There is water everywhere and some water gathers in hollows on the ground and some flows into drains. From drains it goes towards streams. From streams to rivers. From rivers to seas and oceans. Mighty oceans are born out of water drops – small raindrops falling on the ground can make oceans. The small mass of water gets larger till it forms the largest bodies of water. How about knowledge? A drop in the ocean, when put together with similar drops a hundred times, a thousand times, can form rivers and lakes. Similarly, small pieces of knowledge can form a larger body of learning. You start from the basics and get deeper into it. Later, with practice, you will become an expert in your field. Don't think that a piece of knowledge picked up from papers or on the internet is

useless. When you put all the pieces together, you will have enough knowledge book. It does not stop raining with the first raindrop. So, don't stop at the first piece of knowledge or a thousand pieces of knowledge. Keep seeking till your ocean of knowledge is full. Keep learning till you become wiser.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) What happens when raindrops hit the ground?
- (2) What are large bodies of learning formed from?
- (3) What do you need to do to become an expert in your field? Why do you think so?
- (4) In the passage, what is 'knowledge' compared to?
- (5) After reading this passage, will you stop learning? Why?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) shes gone to the cinema but ill tell her to call you later nilars dad told me
- (2) thidar said ive got no idea but ill be glad to have your help marlar
- (3) dont you think its a good idea thuzar said sandar
- (4) get out i shouted get out ill talk to you later
- (5) if youd listened to me such a terrible thing wouldnt have happened mary said to susan

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

(10 marks)

- (1) He told me that he had seen my cat in front of his house two days before.
He said to me, "-----."
- (2) A dream can become reality through determination and hard work.
It is -----.
- (3) Good habits formed through practice can transform us into valuable citizens.
We -----.
- (4) The world's attention has been captured by outstanding persons throughout history.
Outstanding persons -----.
- (5) You cannot keep the city clean. You do not stop your habit of littering.
Without -----.
- (6) The return on the investment in education is higher than that on the investment in physical capital.
The return on the investment in physical -----.
- (7) All teachers have a strong desire to improve the lives of their students.
There is no -----.
- (8) In spite of the hardships she faces in life, she never fails to have a positive outlook on life.
Although -----.
- (9) His room was so untidy that he could not find anything he was looking for.
It was such -----.
- (10) His father said to him, "You can follow your heart if you pass this exam."
His father told him -----.

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

(10 marks)

The Story of

Jenny Tier Bishop

- Jenny Tier Bishop – short – plump woman – fair skin – brownish hair
- Jenny – dreamer – told – son – Jim – dream – wear – pair – diamond earrings
- Jenny's dream came true – husband gave – diamond earrings – tiny icebergs – big gold prongs

- then – family faced hard times – Jim’s father – pawn – earrings
- Jenny made clothes – sewing machine – sewed rosettes – garters – penny – piece – night
- paid interest – pawn ticket – year – finally – surrendered
- many years later – great good luck touched Jim– Jenny’s son because – book – wrote became – bestseller – 16 countries
- Jim gave – mother earrings – dream came true again
- when – son handed – plushy box – hands began – shake
- asked – husband – son how – looked – diamond earrings because Jenny – blind – years – received – earrings – son

Looking good

- body image – way you see yourself – your mind’s eye but – image – not – accurate
- for instance – girls – feature – do not like become – unhappy – it
- boys – particularly worried – height – weight – how – smell
- so-called defects – so unimportant because – body – changing – keep changing
- most important thing – what matters most – kind – person you are
- looking good – not mean making yourself – carbon copy – famous – popular persons
- can improve – way you look – clothes – hairstyle – skin care – makeup
- good health – also important because – give you grace – glow
- still left – own face – figure – cannot trade in – different ones
- therefore if – want – look good – should make – best – you – yourself

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

You are **Naung Naung**. Your address is No. 74, Shwe Pyi Aye Street, Taunggyi. Write a letter to your **brother, Aung Aung**, who has just passed a driving test, telling him about an accident you saw a few days ago and reminding him to be careful and to follow traffic rules when he drives.

(OR)

You are **Thi Thi**. Your address is No. 44, Aye Thar Yar Street, Mawlamyine. Write a letter to your **friend, Nyunt Nyunt**, who falls ill very often. Tell her how to protect herself from flu or infectious diseases and how to stay healthy.

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

Why kindness matters

(OR)

Bad habits students should avoid

(OR)

What we can do to make our country a better place to live in
