

2015

**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.

The Philippines offers a wealth of entertainment, from classical plays to cultural shows and show bands. The people like to celebrate life and their festive spirit is renowned.

Manila, the capital, is a particularly lively entertainment centre and at night the city centre comes alive with discos and the rhythms of Filipino bands and pop groups.

For a taste of Filipino festivity, one can check out the performances of the many cultural dance troupes. The most famous are the Bayanihan Dancers, whose performance can be enjoyed at the Manila Restaurant of the Manila Hotel.

The Philippines is a predominantly Catholic nation and no country in ASEAN can rival its centuries-old churches, with their antique religious objects. Fascinating churches to be found around Metro Manila are: the Malate Church with its images of Our Lady of Remedies; the Las Pinas Church, with its 165-year-old organ made entirely of bamboo; and San Sebastian Church built in 1981, the only Gothic steel church in the country.

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

(5 marks)

- (1) The ----- of the people in the Philippines is renowned.
- (2) The ----- of Manila comes alive with discos and the rhythms of Filipino bands and pop groups at night.
- (3) The Bayanihan Dancers are the ----- cultural dancers in the Philippines.
- (4) Visitors ----- the performance of the Bayanihan Dancers at the Manila Restaurant.
- (5) The organ in the Las Pinas Church ----- entirely of bamboo.

(B) Answer each question in one sentence.

(5 marks)

- (6) What kind of entertainment does the Philippines offer?
- (7) What are the people in the Philippines fond of?
- (8) What kind of place is Manila?
- (9) What does the underlined word, 'its' in line 8 refer to?
- (10) What kind of church is San Sebastian Church?

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 fills it.

also	any	are	are	becoming
bomb	dangerous	dangerous	happily	hours
in	mining	on	production	repeated
supervisor	the	The	welding	working

Human workers now have the number of ---(1)--- they work each day limited by law. ---(2)--- law also protects them from working in ---(3)--- conditions. In special factories, robots can work ---(4)--- for 24 hours a day. They work ---(5)--- through the night while their human supervisors ---(6)--- at home in bed. If there were ---(7)--- problems, the robots could ring up the ---(8)--- and ask for help!

Robots are growing ---(9)--- complexity and their use in industry is ---(10)--- more widespread. Robots are mainly used in ---(11)--- with automatic machines and equipments in mass ---(12)--- industries, where the same tasks must be ---(13)---. Car production is the primary example of ---(14)--- employment of large and complex robots. They ---(15)--- used in the process for the painting, ---(16)--- and assembly of the cars.

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Robots are ---(17)--- useful in environments which are unpleasant or ---(18)--- for humans to work in, for example, ---(19)--- disposal, work in space or underwater, in ---(20)--- and for the cleaning of toxic waste.

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

- (1) A year is the length of time ----- takes to travel around the sun one time.
- (2) Scientists study the ----- that change during sleep, such as body temperature and brain waves.
- (3) Hassanali Bolkiah Aquarium features a ----- of tropical fish.
- (4) The forests in Laos are rich in ----- and there are many species of wild animals there.
- (5) Grandfather clocks are very much ----- again today.
- (6) What does he plant who plants -----?
He plants the friend of sun and sky;
- (7) Whose herds with milk, ----- with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire;
- (8) I breathed a song into -----, --
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
- (9) No time to see in -----,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night;
- (10) It changed into -----
Of most unusual hue,

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

- (1) What is the recommended treatment for dengue fever? (OR)
After travelling for a number of days, how did the four youths realize that their professor was very thoughtful?
- (2) In self-service supermarkets, where are perishable foodstuffs and quick frozen fruit, vegetables and meat kept and why? (OR)
For whom was the first clock with a face and an hour hand made and where was it placed?

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

- (3) What is the title of the unit from which the following sentence is taken? What does the underlined word, 'who' refer to?
... everyone knows people with all kinds of 'beauty handicaps' who nonetheless have easy loving relationships.
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?
"You are very lucky parents. She's going to live."
- (5) What do these lines mean?
I watched a long white serpent
Winding its cloudy way,

V. Read the passage.

Different people have different ideas of beauty or handsomeness. You only have to look at those around you to realize that people are attracted by every possible physical type. Some people find plumpness attractive. Some go for black hair; others, brown. At different times in history, writers and artists have admired pure, high foreheads or low, broad ones; large, round, lustrous eyes or slanting, inscrutable ones; sloping shoulders or broad, square ones; wide, humorous mouths or neat, small ones; turned-up noses or straight ones. Some think that men who are tall, dark and muscular are handsome but for some, those who are fair and slightly built are cute.

If you are worried about how you look, you're certainly not the only one. Most of your friends probably feel equally insecure, though they may not admit or show it. Girls who are tall

usually long to be dainty and small, and vice versa; plump girls with rosy round faces would love to be pale and delicate; slender girls with very white skin hate their pale and colourless look.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) When you look at people around you, what will you realize and why?
- (2) How many kinds of foreheads are mentioned in the passage? What are they?
- (3) According to the passage, how is the appearance of men who are handsome different from that of men who are cute?
- (4) What does the underlined pronoun, 'it' in line 9 refer to?
- (5) What do tall girls long to be and what do dainty and small girls long to be?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) ah replied the astrologer the climbing up was easy because i was under the influence of an ascending constellation
- (2) a baby girl was born to captain arthur keller and kate keller in tuscumbia alabama in june 1880
- (3) kaythi said im going to mandalay in april
- (4) the doctor said to thura dont eat too much chocolate
- (5) i havent seen sandar since last may said ohnmar

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

(10 marks)

- (1) You can find lots of good restaurants around here.
Lots of -----,
- (2) Nyi Nyi's mother said to him, "What did you do at school today?"
Nyi Nyi's mother asked him -----,
- (3) I told my mother about my problem. Then I felt as if a weight had been lifted from my shoulders.
After -----,
- (4) Crowds lined the road. They cheered the victorious footballers.
Lining -----,
- (5) Although I had had a big lunch, I was very hungry.
In spite of -----,
- (6) If the football team does not train hard, it will not qualify for the World Cup.
Unless -----,
- (7) I had become very bored with running on my own. I decided to join a running club.
I had become so -----,
- (8) Walking cuts out pollution. It also has the advantage of slowing down your lifestyle.
Walking not only -----,
- (9) A number of important vitamins are found naturally in dark green vegetables like spinach.
It -----,
- (10) My headache was so bad that I could not think straight.
I had such -----,

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

(10 marks)

- The conditions on the moon**
- force – gravity – moon – much less – earth – so there – no water on – moon
 - since there – no water – moon – there – no vegetation – it
 - temperatures on – moon range – 110°C – -173°C – there – no atmosphere – filter – sun's rays – to blanket – warm air
 - in – hour – change – temperature may – much – 200°C

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The pros and cons of advertisements

- moon – there – no atmosphere – diffuse – light – day becomes night – night turns – day
- sky – moon – black – stars – moon can – seen – daytime
- there – no air – moon – there – nothing – transmit sound
- compasses cannot – used – moon – moon – not – magnet – way – earth
- though songwriters – poets describe – moon – place – romantic escape – it – very hostile environment – human beings
- conditions – moon – so adverse – that it – difficult – visitors – earth
- some think – money spent – advertising – money well spent
- assists – rapid distribution – goods – reasonable prices – draws attention – new ideas
- increases – number – workers needed – supply – goods – provides employment – helping – increase – demand – goods
- helps – pay – many services – helps – keep – quality – products – services – buy
- seeks – persuade – but if – only gave information – so boring – no one – pay – attention – it
- others think – advertisements – not only give information – also try – influence – emotions
- advertisers try – make – believe – dreams – come true if – buy – products
- problem – advertisements – that – imply – money – make – dreams – true
- this – not so – we – not buy personal good looks – intelligence – good friendships – happy family
- advertisements – make people – depressed – discontented – ordinary lives

VIII. You are **Thin Thin**. Your address is **No. 23, Myoma Road, Minbu**. Write a letter to **your friend, Zin Mar**, who often falls ill, telling her to see the doctor regularly and to have nutritious foods to develop her body's resistance to diseases. **(10 marks)**

(OR)

You are **Nyein Chan**. You live at **No. 59, 35th Street, Yangon**. Write a letter to **your uncle, U Soe**, who is good at writing English articles and essays, telling him that you find it difficult to write good essays in English. Ask him what to do to be able to write good essays.

(OR)

You are **Arkar**. Your address is **No. 15, Kan Thar Road, Bago**. Write a letter to **your cousin, Nay Myo**, who is a Grade 11 student, asking him which university he would like to join and what he is doing to make his dream come true.

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

Useful leisure activities for students

(OR)

Why schools should have good libraries

(OR)

Enemies of youths today