

2018

**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.**

Sleep is a biological need, but your brain never really sleeps. It is never actually blank. The things that were on your mind during the day are still there at night. They appear as dreams, which people have been discussing for centuries. At times people believed that dreams had magical powers or that they could tell the future. Sometimes dreams are terrifying, but they are usually a collection of scattered, confused thoughts. If you dream about something that is worrying you, you may wake up exhausted, sweating, and with a rapid heartbeat. Dreams have positive effects on our lives. During a dream, the brain may concentrate on a problem and look for different solutions. Also, people who dream during a good night's sleep are more likely to remember newly learned skills. In other words, you learn better if you dream.

Researchers say that normal people may have four or five REM (rapid eye movement) periods of dreaming a night. The first one may begin only a half hour after falling asleep. Each period of dreaming is a little longer, the last one lasting up to an hour. Dreams also become more intense as the night continues. Nightmares usually occur towards dawn.

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

**(5 marks)**

- (1) Though we sleep, our brain is never blank and never -----.
- (2) People say that the things that were on our mind during the day appear in our -----.
- (3) ----- are usually a collection of scattered and confused thoughts.
- (4) If you dream about something that is worrying you, you wake up with your heart beating -----.
- (5) The last period of dreaming ----- up to an hour.

**(B) Answer each question in one sentence.**

**(5 marks)**

- (6) According to the passage, what belief did people have about dreams?
- (7) How do we feel when we wake up from a bad dream?
- (8) How can dreams during a good night's sleep help us with our learning?
- (9) When does the first period of REM occur?
- (10) When do we usually have nightmares?

**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.**

a	and	and	are	been
circular	customers	herself	kept	of
operators	perfect	self-service	self-service	shelves
shops	space	the	tubed	with

During the last few years, there has ---(1)--- an enormous increase in the number of ---(2)---, stores and supermarkets which provide facilities for ---(3)---. Their general purpose is to provide goods ---(4)--- every description attractively and hygienically and in ---(5)--- condition, so that the customer can serve ---(6)---, and then pay for the goods with ---(7)--- minimum of delay.

The organizers of a ---(8)--- store have their difficulties. They must display ---(9)--- great number of goods in a minimum ---(10)--- without covering up anything. They must deal ---(11)--- perishable foodstuffs requiring different ranges of temperature; ---(12)--- they must arrange a speedy flow of ---(13)--- past the cash registers without overtaxing the ---(14)---.



For the purposes of display, many devices ---(15)--- used such as long lengths of adjustable ---(16)--- to take various sizes of packs, rotating ---(17)--- shelves, islands of display stands, racks for ---(18)--- foods, and multi-tiered mobile stalls.

Perishable foodstuffs ---(19)--- quick frozen fruit, vegetables and meat are ---(20)--- in refrigerated self-service cabinets, which keep goods at the required temperatures.

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

- (1) Dengue Fever is most common during the rainy season in areas ----- the infected mosquitoes.
- (2) Sundials did not work at night or on -----, so men kept inventing other ways to keep track of time.
- (3) If we go to the moon, we should bring our lunch as there is no water or also ----- on the moon.
- (4) Many people find advertisements useful for giving them information about the products which are ----- the market.
- (5) Brunei is a country which comprises ----- on the northwest coast of the island of Borneo.
- (6) For who ----- so keen and strong,  
That could follow the flight of song?
- (7) The treble of----- --  
These things he plants who plants a tree
- (8) Thus let me live, unseen, unknown:  
----- let me die.
- (9) To pounce upon a cloud frog  
That ----- lay.
- (10) A hewn-stone bridge  
With ----- floor and wall;

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

- (1) What effect do advertisements have on people who have only a very small amount of money to spend on luxuries? (OR)  
Why is Laos said to be rich in tradition and culture?
- (2) How long did Julius Caesar think a year should be and what did he do to fix the Egyptian calendar? (OR)  
When Helen became wild and no one could control her, what did Captain Keller do?

**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 refer to?  
... the Silver Pagoda is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5,000 silver tiles.
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?  
"That's exactly the point. This child is spoilt."
- (5) What do these lines mean?  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began

**V. Read the passage.**

Malaysia is separated into two sections by the South China Sea; Peninsula Malaysia links with Thailand on the mainland of Asia, while East Malaysia comprises the states of Sabah and Sarawak.

Visitors must not miss Kuala Lumpur or KL, the capital, with its many sights to keep the tourist occupied, as well as its excellent shopping facilities.



Second to KL in size are the historic trading cities of Melaka and Penang, with buildings dating back hundreds of years and wonderful unspoilt districts where visitors can breathe in the romance of the past.

Malaysia is famous for its pleasant beach resorts, Langkawi, Pangkor, Tioman Island, Damai Beach in Sarawak, and, again, Penang. Each of these offers water-sports of all kinds as well as snorkelling and scuba diving around the numerous coral reefs that line Malaysia's shores.

**Answer these questions. Give complete answers.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) What separates Malaysia into two sections and what are the two sections?
- (2) Why should those who visit Malaysia not miss Kuala Lumpur?
- (3) How big are Melaka and Penang and what kind of cities are they?
- (4) What can visitors find in Melaka and Penang?
- (5) What kind of beach resorts does Malaysia have and what kind of sports can visitors do there?

**VI. Punctuate the following.**

**(5 marks)**

- (1) her aunt asked youre coming along with us marlar arent you
- (2) he said well i dont know that whats the next question
- (3) teacher asked thura you havent finished your homework have you
- (4) mother said to thuzar why dont you bring your umbrella
- (5) my sister said yes im sure ive got bananas to eat if im hungry

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

**(10 marks)**

- (1) Nowadays, respect for money has replaced respect for wisdom and knowledge.  
Nowadays, respect for wisdom -----.
- (2) The climb was so difficult that we stopped to rest several times.  
It was such -----.
- (3) She said, "I'd love to help you, but I'm going on holiday with my friends tomorrow."  
She said that -----.
- (4) Computers were developed at the same time as TV and radio. Computers were put into public service in 1944.  
Computers, -----.
- (5) Although there were warnings about the approaching storm, the fishermen went ahead as planned.  
In spite of -----.
- (6) Mosquitoes are the most highly developed insect bloodsuckers.  
No other insect bloodsucker -----.
- (7) University students in many countries do part-time jobs. They earn some money.  
By -----.
- (8) The number of wi-fi networks is growing rapidly. They are easy and inexpensive to set up.  
Being -----.
- (9) The population explosion has pushed people towards towns and cities.  
It is the population explosion -----.
- (10) The four young men paid their respects to their professor. They set forth on their journey home.  
Before -----.

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

**(10 marks)**

- Robots**
- nowadays – robots – growing – complexity – use – industry – becoming – widespread
  - if they – used correctly – improve – quality – products – they – not have "off" days
  - bring savings – materials – energy – they – work happily – 24 hours – day



- generally predictable – precise – they – repeat – same tasks without – tired
- mainly used – working – automatic machines – equipments – mass production industries
- primary example – employment – large – complex robots – found – car production
- robots – used – process – painting – welding – assembly – cars
- also useful – environments – unpleasant – dangerous – humans to work – example – bomb disposal
- they – also used – mining – cleaning – toxic waste – patrolling – toxic areas
- domestic robots – perform simple task – vacuum cleaning – grass cutting – those – provide companionship – play partners – people – available nowadays

**Why the four young men had to go hungry**

- four youths studied – famous professor Disaparmauk – Taxila – specializing – different branches – study
- studying – three years – they – considered proficient – respective subjects – music – dancing – medicine – philosophy – astrology – returned home
- parting gift – professor gave – cooking pot – some grain – cook – eat – dry rations run out
- final gift – professor told – act suitably – time – circumstance – situation
- way home – dry rations ran out – drew lots – different tasks – carried out – get – decent meal
- medico went – bazaar – nearest village – medical knowledge prevented – buying – meat – fish
- philosopher – got – required ghee – cook – curry – came back empty-handed – ghee – leaf melted – way
- man – music and dancing – cooked – rice accidentally kicked – pot – there – no rice
- astrologer plucked – tender bael leaves – half-slipped – half-fell – tree – no tender bael leaves – left
- realized – had – go hungry – didn't follow – professor's parting advice

**VIII.** You are **Nyi Nyi**. You live at **No. 7, Pagoda Road, Bago**. Write a letter to your friend, **Chan Myae**, who always has good relationships with everyone. Ask him to share his secret with you, because you would also like to have warm and loving relationships with others like him. (10 marks)

(OR)

You are **Thu Thu**. Your address is **No. 108, Thazin Road, Yay**. Write a letter to your friend, **Myat Noe**, who always gets overly worried and feel stressed whenever there is a test. Tell her to change her attitude towards tests and give her advice on how to reduce her stress.

(OR)

You are **Win Myint**. You live at **No. 52, Latha Street, Yangon**. Write a letter to your friend, **Muyar**, who is going to give up taking the matriculation examination due to her poor eye sight. Tell her to follow the example of Helen Keller and take the examination.

**IX.** Write an essay of **three paragraphs** on **ONE** of the following. (15 marks)  
The greatest gift we can give our parents

(OR)

Benefits of eating balanced diets

(OR)

Ways to manage our time effectively

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