

**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.**

Advertisements aimed at men often include the picture of a pretty girl. Such advertisements are suggesting that a man will be more attractive to women if he owns a certain type of car, or watch, or if he dresses in a certain style.

The feelings which advertisements try to play on will differ according to the age groups for which the advertisements are intended. Advertisements for teenagers will emphasize that those products will make young people more attractive, more up to date, more socially successful, and more able to enjoy themselves, as well as more successful in their education and job prospects.

The problem with advertisements is that they imply that money can make our dreams come true. But this is obviously not so. We cannot buy personal good looks, intelligence, good friendships or a happy family. A lot of advertisements are, therefore, a form of lying. They can also make people feel depressed and discontented with their ordinary lives, especially those people who have only a small amount of money to spend on luxuries.

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

- (1) The picture of a pretty girl is frequently ----- in advertisements aimed at men.
- (2) The feelings played on by advertisements will be ----- according to intended age groups.
- (3) In advertisements for teenagers, it is usually ----- that the products will make young people more attractive.
- (4) Advertisements imply that our dreams can ----- with money.
- (5) We cannot use ----- to buy intelligence.

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

- (6) What do some advertisements suggest that a man will become when he owns certain things?
- (7) What implication do advertisements have?
- (8) Why does the author of this passage say that many advertisements are a form of lying?
- (9) How can a lot of advertisements make people living ordinary lives feel?
- (10) What kind of people are especially hurt by advertisements?

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)**

a	a	Also	are	At
But	can	dream	dreams	In
lives	may	on	powers	rapid
skill	skills	sleep	sleeps	Sometimes
that	the	thirty	which	you

Body movement during sleep occurs just before ---(1)--- REM stage. The average person moves about ---(2)--- times during sleep each night.

Sleep is ---(3)--- biological need, but your brain never really ---(4)---. It is never actually blank. The things ---(5)--- were on your mind during the day ---(6)--- still there at night. They appear as ---(7)---, which people have been discussing for centuries. ---(8)--- times people believed that dreams had magical ---(9)--- or that they could tell the future.

---(10)--- dreams are terrifying, but they are usually ---(11)--- collection of scattered, confused thoughts. If you ---(12)--- about something that is worrying you, you ---(13)--- wake up exhausted, sweating, and with a ---(14)--- heartbeat. Dreams have positive effects on our ---(15)---. During a dream, the brain may concentrate ---(16)--- a problem and look for different solutions. ---(17)---, people who dream during a good night's ---(18)--- are more likely to remember newly learned ---(19)---. In other words, you learn better if ---(20)--- dream.

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

- (1) In "*The story of my life*", you can read about Helen Keller's -----, education and work.
(A) personal (B) personally (C) personality
- (2) My car broke ----- on the way home last night. So I took a taxi.
(A) up (B) down (C) out
- (3) A loving home is essential for a child's ----- in the early years.
(A) increase (B) growth (C) improvement
- (4) Today's meeting will ----- in the main school hall.
(A) take off (B) take part in (C) take place
- (5) Human workers are ----- if they have to work for a long time without any break.
(A) tired (B) tiring (C) tiredness

III.(B) Write the appropriate words or groups of words to complete the lines of verse. (5 marks)

- (6) An old covered bridge
That spans ----- ;
- (7) And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of -----.
- (8) He plants the friend of sun and sky;
He plants the flag of -----;
- (9) Sound sleep by night; study and ease
Together mix'd; -----,
- (10) In -----
Earth must disrobe her;

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

- (1) Name two tasks that robots can do in unpleasant and dangerous environments for humans to work in.
- (2) By whom do many people still prefer to be served when they go shopping?
- (3) What are the symptoms of dengue fever?
- (4) What is the key to success of people with 'beauty handicaps'?
- (5) **What do these lines mean?**
Thus let me live, unseen, unknown;
Thus unlamented let me die;

V. Read the passage.

'After you' is an expression seldom heard in public nowadays. When someone says 'After you', it means he or she wants you to go first or do something first. In other words, they are being polite and allowing you to be the first one in doing something. For example, when people are lining up for tickets at a cinema hall, many rush and push others to be the first to get into the line. But some people are really polite and considerate. They say 'After you' and stay behind, allowing you to get into the line first. Now that Myanmar is becoming a more open society, there are good things and bad things coming into the nation. When Myanmar people travel more to other nations, they will see good behaviours and bad behaviours. We should imitate good behaviours and should avoid the bad ones. One of the best customs is 'After you'. We say 'After you' because we have respect for each other. This

respect among ourselves, Myanmar people, and with people from all over the world will make our nation a better place to live in.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) What does someone want you to do when he says 'After you'?
- (2) Why do many people rush and push others when they are lining up for tickets at a cinema hall?
- (3) What should Myanmar people do when they travel to other nations?
- (4) How can we show respect for each other and what kind of place will our nation become by doing so?
- (5) Do you let other people do things before you sometimes? Why?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) this is all ive got said marlar pointing at her small case
- (2) no im afraid i dont said thidar
- (3) thura she said you remember her dont you
- (4) she said ok lets go shopping
- (5) shes from a small town isnt she asked david

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

(10 marks)

- (1) The future of a nation will be shaped by the education of its youth.
The education -----.
- (2) He said to me, "Try hard until your good is better and your better is best."
He -----.
- (3) The road she took is not as simple as mine.
The road I -----.
- (4) If he does not create change, change will create him.
Unless -----.
- (5) The table clock doesn't show the correct time and the wall clock doesn't either.
Neither -----.
- (6) As soon as he put the phone down, it started ringing again.
No sooner -----.
- (7) Although the rain was heavy, the drainage system saved the town from floods.
In spite of-----.
- (8) As you pay more, the quality becomes better.
The more -----.
- (9) Hard work can help us achieve success.
It is -----.
- (10) All mothers devote their lives to the wellbeing of their children.
There is no -----.

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

(10 marks)

- The pendulum clock**
- clocks became popular gradually – people liked – unusual – could be beautifully decorated
 - pendulum clock – invented – 1657 – beginning – style of clocks – called grandfather clocks
 - grandfather clocks – enclosed in tall wooden boxes
 - before – pendulum clock – invented – clocks – not show – exact time
 - compared to earlier clocks – pendulum clocks showed – hours more exactly

- reason is – weight – pendulum could – moved – down – make – clock go faster – slower
- forty years later – minute – second hands were put – some clocks
- grandfather clocks have – disadvantages – for example – are usually expensive
- moreover – require more space than other styles – clocks
- despite – disadvantages – grandfather clocks – very much – demand again today

(OR)

Thailand

- Thailand – located – gulf – Siam – bordered – east – Laos – Cambodia – south – Malaysia – west – Myanmar
- Bangkok – capital – Thailand – regarded as – shopper's paradise
- some – restaurants stage cultural shows – one – enjoy – twin pleasures – Thai cuisine – classical dance
- dancers use – movements to interpret – stories – “Ramakien” – Thai version – Ramayana
- culture lovers – watch dance – drama – venues – Thailand's National Theatre – Thailand Cultural Centre – Monthienthong Theatre
- in addition to – there – many opportunities for sports
- beach resorts – Pattaya – Phuket offer – wide range – activities – scuba diving – windsurfing – golf
- Thai boxing – become popular worldwide – recent years
- Thai boxing match – noisy – exciting – accompanied – orchestral music – well worth experiencing
- these – places – interest – Thailand one should see at least once

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

You are **Kauk Kauk**. Your address is **No. 72, Manthapyay Road, Pyin Oo Lwin**. Write a letter to **your friend, Lone Lone**, who does not spend enough time on her studies. Tell her how to manage her time and how to revise her lessons for the best results.

(OR)

You are **Ei Ei**. Your address is **No. 27, Kan Road, Yangon**. Write a letter to **your cousin, Thu Thu**, who won the first prize in the English essay competition at her school, congratulating on her success. Ask her how she practised and won the competition.

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

Trees are the lungs of the earth

(OR)

The importance of developing reading habits

(OR)

Skills and knowledge today's youths should have
