

2020
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.

Nearly two million species of insects, grouped into about 30 orders, live in many different habitats throughout the world. They are very important because they pollinate flowers and are food for birds and other animals. However, many insects are pests that feed on crops or spread diseases. One such insect is the mosquito.

There are about 3,000 species of mosquitoes, which are distinguished by their antennae of 14 or 15 segments and by the presence of scales on the veins of their wings. The larvae are called wigglers and are aquatic, feeding on plants, algae, and microscopic animal life. Some mosquitoes feed on the juices of plants, and some do not feed at all in their adult stage. Only female mosquitoes suck the blood of humans and other warm-blooded animals, because they need blood to develop each batch of fertile eggs. But like the male mosquito, females feed only on nectar for their food source.

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

(5 marks)

- (1) Insects can be ----- into about 30 orders.
- (2) Insects that feed on crops or spread diseases are called -----.
- (3) The ----- of mosquitoes live in water.
- (4) The female mosquito ----- the blood of humans and other warm-blooded animals.
- (5) ----- is the only source of food for both male and female mosquitoes.

(B) Answer each question in one sentence.

(5 marks)

- (6) Where do insects live?
- (7) Why are insects very important?
- (8) What do mosquitoes have on the veins of their wings?
- (9) What do wigglers feed on?
- (10) Why does the female mosquito need blood?

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)**

and	and	as	at	can
conditions	correctly	Eventually	for	from
have	Human	Humans	it	law
move	moving	people	predictable	problems
should	they	through	time	was

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

---(12)--- workers now have the number of hours ---(13)--- work each day limited by law. The ---(14)--- also protects them from working in dangerous ---(15)---. In special

factories, robots can work happily ---(16)--- 24 hours a day. They work on ---(17)--- the night while their human supervisors are ---(18)--- home in bed. If there were any ---(19)---, the robots could ring up the supervisor ---(20)--- ask for help!

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

(5 marks)

- (1) You must pay ----- to the speaker at the meeting, or you will miss the main message.
(A) attraction (B) attention (C) respect
- (2) In the hot season, people travel to hilly regions to ----- from the intense heat.
(A) prevent (B) escape (C) protect
- (3) University students have to carry ----- research in their final year.
(A) in (B) away (C) out
- (4) As people get older, they spend less time in deep -----.
(A) thought (B) dream (C) sleep
- (5) We ----- about a solution to this very serious problem so that it will benefit all of us.
(A) think (B) are thinking (C) thought

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) Long, long afterward, in -----
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
- (8) The shaft of beauty, -----;
He plants a home to heaven a-nigh
- (9) Blest, who can unconcern'dly find
Hours, -----, slide soft away
- (10) Stars -----
In keen November;

IV. Give complete answers to these questions.

(10 marks)

- (1) Why did the man of music and dancing dance to the bubbling noise of the boiling rice?
- (2) When do electric clocks stop giving the right time?
- (3) What do the advertisements that include the picture of a pretty girl suggest?
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?
"That's a very short time to perform a miracle!"
- (5) **What do these lines mean?**
It changed into an elephant
Of most unusual hue,

V. Read the passage.

Personal hygiene plays an important role in making oneself look good. If you want to look good every day, you need to do just a few simple things. You should bathe every day so that you will look clean and smell good, and become more attractive. You should use a mild soap to wash your body every day. Moreover, you should shampoo and condition your hair two or three times per week. Apply shampoo to your scalp and massage it into your hair. Rinse your hair out with warm water. Apply the conditioner to wet hair and rinse out the conditioner with cool water. The conditioner will keep your hair soft and shiny. In addition, you should wash your face twice a day with a mild facial cleanser for clearer skin. After massaging the cleanser into your wet skin, you have to rinse it with warm water to remove the cleanser. You must also keep your teeth healthy and white by brushing them every

morning and evening. Finally, rinse out your mouth with mouthwash to kill germs and bacteria, as well as bits of food. These are just a few simple things you can do to maintain personal hygiene and look good every day.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers.

(10 marks)

- (1) What is the benefit of bathing every day?
- (2) How often should you condition your hair? Why?
- (3) How often should you wash your face and why should you use a mild facial cleanser?
- (4) Why should you rinse your mouth with mouthwash?
- (5) What do you do to maintain your personal hygiene?

VI. Punctuate the following.

(5 marks)

- (1) why dont you rest said mrs keller
- (2) look theres a cloud bear in the sky said mary
- (3) mother said im going to cook chicken curry on sunday
- (4) the teacher said well go on an excursion on independence day
- (5) ill have to attend a meeting in bangkok said john

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

(10 marks)

- (1) If you do not study regularly, you will not pass the exam with high marks.
Unless -----
- (2) She cannot speak when she is angry. She cannot move, either.
She can -----
- (3) The poem was so fascinating that I could not help reading it again and again.
It was such -----
- (4) When my aunt gets older, she becomes more talkative.
The older -----
- (5) The mother said, "Children, wash your hands before and after meals."
The mother told -----
- (6) All the students in our school obey the rules and regulations of our school.
There is -----
- (7) Although Thuzar got up early today, she missed the school bus.
In spite of -----
- (8) As soon as he arrived home, he went into the kitchen and had dinner.
No sooner -----
- (9) The sun orbits around the Milky Way galaxy. It is the heart of our solar system.
The sun, -----
- (10) The vegetables were washed and then put in the refrigerator.
After -----

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

(10 marks)

Two dreamers

- two dreamers – Jim Bishop – mother – Jenny Bishop – went – beach – weather – fine
- told each other – dreams – Jim's dream – have – house – beach – look – ocean every day
- servants – carry silver trays loaded – sweets – chocolate bars
- Jenny's dream – wear diamond earrings – husband had – lot of money

- mother's dream came true first – father bought – pair – diamond earrings
- policemen – poorly paid – those days – they – pawn earrings – had hard times
- Jim grew up – became – writer – book he wrote became best-seller – 16 countries
- son's dream came true – he bought – house – same beach
- invited – parents – house – gave – mother – pair – diamond earrings
- father – had to help – mother – wear – earrings – she – blind – many years

Tourist attractions of Singapore

- Singapore comprises – main island – several offshore islands
- Sentosa – island resort – Singapore – offers – collection – country's finest attractions – including – Merlion – Musical Fountains, etc.
- fun seekers – delight – theme attractions – nature lovers – discover – charm – Sentosa's Dragon Trail
- history enthusiasts – bask – historical enclaves – scattered – throughout – island
- beach lovers – relax – enjoy sea sports – along – beaches
- major tourist attraction – Merlion – statue – lion's head – fish body
- two viewing decks of Merlion – 9th level – mouth – 12th – topmost level
- visitors get – breathtaking view – Sentosa – city skyline – surrounding islands – these viewing decks
- visitors – not miss – largest bird park – Southeast Asia – 20-hectare Jurong Bird Park – home – over 8,000 birds – 600 species
- bird park – holds distinction – world's tallest man-made waterfall

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

You are Su Myat. You live at No. 251, 116th Street, Yangon. Write a letter to your friend, Phyu Sin, who falls ill very often, explaining the benefits of taking physical exercise, and encouraging her to take physical exercise every day to become healthy.

(OR)

You are Wai Yan. You live at No. 620, Thiri Road, Yankin. Write a letter to your friend Hein Htet, telling him about your plan to go and teach at a primary school in a small village before you attend the university, and explaining why you have decided to do so.

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

Opportunities and challenges today's youths have

(OR)

The most useful inventions for students

(OR)

Why we should learn a foreign language
