

SAMPLE QUESTION

2019

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.

Thailand is situated on the gulf of Siam, bounded on the east by Laos and Cambodia, on the south by Malaysia and on the west by Myanmar. Bangkok is the capital of Thailand and is regarded as a shopper's paradise. Some of its restaurants stage cultural shows where one can enjoy the twin pleasures of Thai cuisine and classical dance. The dancers use their movements to interpret the stories of the "Ramakien", the Thai version of the Ramayana. While in Bangkok, culture lovers can watch dance or drama at such venues as Thailand's National Theatre, the Thailand Cultural Centre and the Monthienthong Theatre.

There are many opportunities for sports too. The beach resorts at Pattaya and Phuket offer a wide range of activities from scuba diving and windsurfing to golf. Thai boxing has gained increasing worldwide popularity in recent years. A Thai boxing match is noisy and exciting, accompanied by orchestral music and is well worth experiencing.

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

- (1) People regard Bangkok as a paradise for -----.
- (2) The twin pleasures of Thai cuisine and classical dance can ----- at some of the restaurants in Bangkok.
- (3) The 'Ramakien' is ----- of the Ramayana.
- (4) Thai boxing has become very ----- throughout the world.
- (5) Orchestral music ----- a Thai boxing match.

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

- (6) What are the neighbouring countries of Thailand?
- (7) How do the Thai dancers interpret the stories of the 'Ramakien'?
- (8) Where can culture lovers watch dance or drama?
- (9) What examples of water sports are given in the passage?
- (10) What characteristics do Thai boxing matches have?

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)

about	according	advertisements	advertisements	and
attractive	become	but	certain	dream
have	he	include	looking	more
of	often	that	There	This
try	use	which	who	will

The advertisers know that everyone tends to ---(1)--- of having a better life. We dream ---(2)--- being better educated, more successful, wealthier, better ---(3)---, more adventurous, and so on. The advertisers ---(4)--- to make us believe that our dreams ---(5)--- come true if we buy their products. ---(6)--- is why advertisements for home cleaning products ---(7)--- try to convince ladies that they can ---(8)--- perfect wives and mothers only if they ---(9)--- those products. Advertisements aimed at men often ---(10)--- the picture of a pretty girl. Such ---(11)--- are suggesting that a man will be ---

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(12)--- attractive to women if he owns a ---(13)--- type of car, or watch or if ---(14)--- dresses in a certain style.

The feelings ---(15)--- advertisements try to play on will differ ---(16)--- to the age groups for which the ---(17)--- are intended. Advertisements for teenagers will emphasize ---(18)--- those products will make young people more ---(19)---, more up to date, more socially successful, ---(20)--- more able to enjoy themselves, as well as more successful in their education and job prospects.

III. (A) Choose the appropriate word to complete each sentence. (5 marks)

- (1) Mg Mg will not be an outstanding student as he is completely ----- of ambition.
A. devoid B. empty C. lack
- (2) I don't know the exact meaning of the word. Can you give me a more ----- definition of the word?
A. basic B. careful C. precise
- (3) You could be ----- at how much our town has changed within two years.
A. surprise B. surprised C. surprises
- (4) Meditation will help you improve your power of -----.
A. comprehension B. concentration C. decision
- (5) Animals can be classified ----- different types.
A. into B. in C. onto

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

(5 marks)

- (6) A railroad bridge
Where ----- slowly crawl;
- (7) I ----- into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
- (8) The shaft of beauty, -----;
He plants a home to heaven a-nigh
- (9) Whose ----- yield him shade,
In winter, fire.
- (10) A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to -----.

IV. Give complete answers to these questions.

(10 marks)

- (1) How did Helen Keller become famous worldwide?
(2) Why is there no air on the moon?
(3) Why couldn't the advertiser fool the public with misleading advertisements for long?
(4) Where are perishable foods kept in self-service stores?
(5) What do these lines mean?
Till evening shut her deep blue tent
Over my private zoo.

V. Read the passage.

The book you are reading now is one of thousands of identical copies. Before the invention of printing, every book was unique, as it was written out by hand. **This** made books rare and expensive, and most people did not know how to read. There are many forms of printing, which produce all the printed things we see around us – from bubble gum wrappers to dictionaries. Newspapers are printed on very large, high-speed 'web offset' presses so that they can be ready as quickly as possible. Large rolls of paper, up to 5 miles long, pass between cylinders that print both sides at once. The same machines print, cut, fold, and stack the newspapers at a rate of 90000 copies an hour. A similar process is used for magazines, brochures and books when they are printed in large

quantities. In laser printing, the words and pictures to be printed are projected onto a revolving cylinder which has been electrically charged. This leaves an image on the cylinder where the dark bits of the image keep their electrical charge. The charged parts of the cylinder pick up a black dust called 'toner' which is baked onto the paper. The quality of laser printing is better than photocopying because the laser gives it greater precision.

Answer these questions. Give complete answers. (10 marks)

- (1) What does the underlined word 'This' in line 2 refer to?
- (2) Name two printed things around us apart from bubble gum wrappers and dictionaries.
- (3) How are newspapers printed, cut, folded and stacked?
- (4) How are words and pictures printed in laser printing?
- (5) Why is the quality of laser printing better than photo copying?

VI. Punctuate the following. (5 marks)

- (1) thuzar said to her sister arent you going to school today
- (2) shes lucky said the doctor shes not badly hurt
- (3) thuta asked youve been using this laptop since may haven't you
- (4) these circles were called sundials said the teacher they are not used any more
- (5) malar said to his nephew im too busy to talk to you now come back later

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 children had just started their performance when the lights went out.
No sooner -----.
- (2) The first question in the test was easier than the second one.
The second question -----.
- (3) The question was so difficult that only a few students could get the right answer.
It was such -----.
- (4) The books were returned to the library though they have not been read.
Without -----.
- (4) We come from different cultural backgrounds, but we get on really well with each other.
In spite of -----.
- (6) Unless she changes her attitude and becomes friendlier, she will lose her job soon.
If -----.
- (7) Myoma Nyein is one of the most famous composers in Myanmar.
Very few composers -----.
- (8) Hla Hla said to Nandar, "I'll meet you in front of the town hall tomorrow."
Hla Hla told -----.
- (9) The police have found the little child who was lost this morning safe and well.
The little child -----.
- (10) Playing sports is a good form of relaxation. Watching TV is a good form of relaxation.
Both -----.

(B) Using the prompts given, write a very short paragraph on ONE of the following: (10 marks)

- How people once measured time**
- people began – make things – help them measure time
 - people drew – circle – ground – put – stick – centre – marked even divisions on – circle
 - this – called – sundial – but it – not work – night – cloudy days
 - people invented – striped candle which – thought – better

- but – striped candle – not good because it – to be remade
- water clock – invented – but it – to be refilled
- hourglass – used – glass blowing – invented
- although – hourglass – easy to use – it – to be turned over every hour
- sundials – striped candles – water clocks – hourglasses – not good ways – tell – exact time
- these – how time – measured before clocks – watches – invented

(OR)

- A fatal disease spread by mosquitoes**
- Malaria – tropical disease – caused – protozoal parasites
 - spread – 60 – 380 species – Anopheline mosquito – mostly – rainy season
 - annually affects – 300 – 500 million people worldwide – causes more – one million deaths
 - symptoms – malaria – occur – 6-8 days – several months after – bitten – mosquitoes
 - symptoms – malaria include regularly occurring fevers – chills – nausea – muscle pain
 - infection results – enlargement – spleen – liver
 - fatal cases – capillaries – brain – blocked
 - majority – malaria deaths occur – children – pregnant women
 - early diagnosis – prompt adequate treatment – essential – curing malaria – preventing death
 - drugs – treating malaria – available – some parasites – resistant – certain antimalarial drugs

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

You are **Thida** and you live at **No.7, Insein Road, Yangon**. Write to your **Aunt**, who has been teaching high school students for nearly twenty years. Tell her how much you fear the matriculation examination and request her to give you some advice to overcome your fear.

(OR)

You are **Hnin Hnin** and you live at **No. 32, Sabai Road, Myaungmya**. Write to your friend, **Win Khine**, who never takes part in any school activities. Encourage him to participate in school activities and tell him the benefits he will gain from doing so.

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

The pros and cons of being a teenager

(OR)

Places of recreation in Myanmar

(OR)

Why personality matters more than beauty
