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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 organizers of a self-service store have their difficulties. They must display a great number of goods in a minimum space without covering up everything. They must deal with perishable foodstuffs requiring different ranges of temperature; and they must arrange a speedy flow of customers past the cash registers without overtaxing the operators.

For the purpose of display, many devices are used such as long lengths of adjustable shelves to take various sizes of packs, rotating circular shelves, islands of display stands, racks for tubes foods, and multi-tiered mobile stalls.

Perishable foodstuffs and quick frozen fruit, vegetables and meat are kept in refrigerated self-service cabinets, which keep goods at the required temperatures. These are at zero degree Fahrenheit for frozen food, 28-32 degrees for meat and fish, and 40-50 degrees for dairy produce and provisions.

The problem of quick payment has been solved by the use of modern cash registers. One such machine called the Automatic Itemizing and Change Computing Cash Register, first records the cost of each item and totals the bill.

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

- (1) In a self-service store, a great number of goods must ----- in a minimum space.
- (2) Foodstuffs that are perishable ----- different ranges of temperature.
- (3) There is an ----- of a speedy flow of customers not to overtax the operators.
- (4) Various sizes of packs are on -----.
- (5) Modern cash registers ----- the problem of quick payment.

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

- (6) What is one of the difficulties faced by the organizers of a self-service store?
- (7) What is necessary for maintaining foodstuffs that go bad quickly?
- (8) What kinds of foods are kept in refrigerated cabinets?
- (9) Why are refrigerated cabinets in self-service stores used?
- (10) What is the Automatic Itemizing and Change Computing Cash Register going to do before totalling the bill?

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	At	at	beautiful	but
for	gone	good	her	I
mother	once	one	paid	pawn
Policemen	queen	then	what	When

I was glad her dream came true. ---(1)--- they dressed to go out, I told ---(2)--- how beautiful she looked. She wasn't really ---(3)--- but she lifted her head like a ---(4)--- when those earrings were on.

Times became ---(5)--- my father called "hard". The earrings were ---(6)--- a long time before I noticed. When ---(7)--- asked about them, she smiled and cried ---(8)--- the same time. "Your father had to ---(9)--- them," she said. "He'll get them back."

---(10)--- were poorly paid in those days and ---(11)--- the city cut their salaries

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further. My ---(12)--- made our clothes on a sewing machine. ---(13)--- night, she sewed rosettes on silk garters ---(14)--- a penny a piece. Every year she ---(15)--- the interest on the pawn ticket.

Then ---(16)--- summer, she surrendered. The payment was due ---(17)--- she ignored it. "Earrings," she said, "are ---(18)--- form of vanity we can't afford."

Great ---(19)--- luck sometimes touches a person at least ---(20)---.

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

- (1) Most young people feel insecure about their looks although they may not ----- it.
- (2) Female mosquitoes feed only on nectar for their -----.
- (3) Advertising assists a rapid distribution of goods at -----.
- (4) Like the earth, the moon ----- the light of sun.
- (5) Malaysia is famous for its pleasant ----- .
- (6) The shaft of beauty, -----;
- (7) An old -----  
That spans a waterfall;
- (8) I saw a white rhinoceros,  
And white -----, too.
- (9) No time to stand beneath the -----
- (10) In rough October  
Earth must -----

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

- (1) What is the calendar we are using today called and why is it called so? (OR)  
In order to get a decent meal, what were the medico and the astrologer to do?
- (2) What were the disadvantages of using candles and water clocks? (OR)  
Without advertisements, what would happen to the daily newspapers and television licenses?

**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 "ones" refer to?  
".....you're still left with your own face and figure, and you cannot trade those in for different ones."
- (4) Who said these words and to whom were they said? What do they mean?  
"...these were pierced when I was 15."
- (5) What do these lines mean?  
He plants the friend of sun and sky;  
He plants the flag of breezes free;"

**V. Read the passage.**

Researchers say that normal people may have four or five REM 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.

People dream in colour, but many don't remember the colours. Certain people can control some of their dreams. They make sure they have a happy ending. Some people get relief from bad dreams by writing them down and then changing the negative stories or thoughts into positive ones on the written paper. Then they study the paper before they go to sleep again.

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Many people talk in their sleep, but it is usually just confused half sentences. They might feel embarrassed when someone tells them they were talking in their sleep, but they probably didn't tell any secrets.

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

**(10 marks)**

- (1) How many REM periods of dreaming do normal people have a night and how long does the last REM period last?
- (2) When do dreams become more intense and when do nightmares occur?
- (3) What do some people do to get relief from unpleasant dreams?
- (4) What kind of sentences do many people talk in their sleep?
- (5) How do people feel when they come to know they were talking in their sleep? Why?

**VI. Punctuate the following.**

**(5 marks)**

- (1) mr wells said i cant figure out how to assemble my daughters tricycle
- (2) i went to a self service store last sunday but i didnt buy anything said ohnmar
- (3) mr rice said im going to go to chicago
- (4) she said ive been using sign language since i was a baby
- (5) and continued the cook one backward kick of my right heel caught the pot

**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 teacher said to the students "Why weren't you listening to me?"  
The teacher asked -----.
- (2) Kate showed me all the things she bought.  
I was -----.
- (3) Bill Gate is so rich that he is rated as one of the richest men in the world.  
Bill Gate is such -----.
- (4) As soon as Kyi Kyi saw the fire, she telephoned the fire department.  
No sooner -----.
- (5) Every student has to bring his identity card to the examination hall.  
There is no -----.
- (6) Although Helen was a difficult child, her parents loved her.  
In spite of -----.
- (7) I had a cup of tea before I left for work this morning.  
After I -----.
- (8) Football is the most popular game in the world. We all like to play football.  
We all like to play -----.
- (9) Both of the restaurants we went to were not expensive.  
Neither of -----.
- (10) Jurong Bird Park is larger than any other bird park in Southeast Asia.  
No -----.

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

**(10 marks)**

- How Helen Keller became an educated person**
- as - child - Helen - intelligent - happy baby - but - became blind - deaf - because - mysterious illness -
  - live - in - dark - silent place - not communicate - anyone
  - became - difficult - wild - unmanageable child
  - parents asked - director - Perkins Institute - Blind - help her
  - Annie Sullivan - became Helen's teacher - helped her
  - first - taught Helen good manners - then - using - special alphabet - spelt - Helen's hand - words - every object

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- slowly – became – different child – but – still – not have language
- one day – put Helen’s hand – gushing water – spelt – word – it
- suddenly – very strange voice – Helen said – spelt – word – water – mother – teacher
- now – understood – what words – had – key – language
- this way – learned language – became – educated – later

### Indonesia

- Indonesia – country – Southeast Asia – considered – be – land – surprises
- features – rich culture – arts of – people – be found – cool mountains – sandy beaches
- there – different ethnic groups – Indonesia – 250 languages – spoken – country
- volcanoes – Indonesia – among – most active – world
- Jakarta – capital – situated – northwest coast – Java – place – industries – concentrated
- biggest Buddhist temple – the world – found – Candi Borobudur – Java
- Tretes – Selecta – famous mountain resorts – most exciting mountain scenery – can – found – east Java
- Yogyakarta – regarded – special cultural centre – Java – offers – festivals – royal ceremonies – batik – silver work
- largest national park – Indonesia – located – western Sumatra – find various kinds – animal species – plants

**VIII.** You are **Thant Zin**. You live at **No.75, Sabai Road, Monywa**. Write a letter to **your aunt** who lives in Taunggyi, telling her why you want to pass this examination with high marks and asking her if you could come and visit her during the summer holidays.

(10 marks)

(OR)

You are **Thiri**. You live at **No. 66, Main Road, Mawlamyine**. Write a letter to **your friend Su Su**, telling her that you have planned to take the piano lessons after the examination and asking her if she would like to do it with you.

(OR)

You are **Ko Soe**. You live at **No.10, Pagoda Road, Chauk**. Write a letter to **your elder sister** who is working for a bank in Mandalay, telling her to take care of her health in weather changes and to wear a helmet for the safety while taking a motorcycle.

**IX.** Write an essay of **three paragraphs** on **ONE** of the following.

(15 marks)

Places well-worth visiting in Myanmar

(OR)

The benefits of taking a walk

(OR)

The importance of rivers

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