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**MATRICULATION EXAMINATION  
DEPARTMENT OF MYANMAR EXAMINATIONS**

**ENGLISH**

**Time Allowed: (3) Hours**

**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

**I. Complete the sentences with the appropriate words. The initial letters are given.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) As the instructions were not clear enough, the players got c——.
- (2) To achieve a b—— life, one must have time for self-care and hobbies for relaxation outside of work.
- (3) In our country, taking off s—— before entering a temple is not only a traditional practice but also a sign of respect.
- (4) After the presentation, a curious listener asked the presenter for additional i—— on the topic.
- (5) It is advisable for you to speak clearly and maintain eye c—— with your interviewer.
- (6) W—— shopping has become my favourite pastime because I can enjoy free-of-cost shopping without buying anything.
- (7) Many people uploaded messages of s—— to the victims of earthquake on social media.
- (8) Grandpa always warns us not to trust people who are dishonest and lack i——.
- (9) If a person fails to get the amount of sleep that he needs, he may suffer from sleep d——.
- (10) Since the t—— has risen two degrees, today is warmer than yesterday.

**II. Choose the appropriate words or phrases to complete the sentences.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) It is necessary for you to have a good working relationship with your ———.  
(A) acquaintances (B) colleagues (C) neighbours
- (2) The students attended the workshop to ——— their knowledge about new scientific developments.  
(A) reach (B) stretch (C) expand
- (3) Hla Hla is a hardworking student and she always ——— her exams without much trouble.  
(A) gets through (B) gets up (C) gets on
- (4) When she saw a spider on her pillow, the little girl was ——— and shouted for help.  
(A) amused (B) terrified (C) relaxed
- (5) How many colours does your ——— flag have? We have three in ours.  
(A) nation (B) national (C) nationality
- (6) This is the place ——— my friends usually stay during their summer holidays.  
(A) what (B) when (C) where
- (7) All motorcyclists ——— wear helmets for their safety.  
(A) would (B) could (C) should
- (8) She didn't get the job ——— she had all the required qualifications.  
(A) because (B) as (C) although
- (9) If I ——— a dictionary, I would look up these words.  
(A) have (B) had (C) had had
- (10) U Gyi turned off the radio ——— he could concentrate on his work.  
(A) so that (B) as soon as (C) unless

**III. Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given in brackets.**

**(10 marks)**

- (1) The thief entered the house. He broke the door lock with a pocket knife. (Join the sentences, using a participle phrase.)



- (2) The maid found the lost necklace under the coffee table. (Use 'It is / It was ... who / that...'.)
- (3) Bo Bo overslept as he did not set his alarm clock. (Use the third conditional.)
- (4) These teenagers are very rude to the old man. But he is very nice to them. (Join the sentences, using 'no matter ...'.)
- (5) The boy goes to the gym regularly. He wants to keep his body in shape. (Join the sentences, using 'in order to'.)
- (6) Can you bring me the pencils? I left them in the classroom. (Join the sentences, using an appropriate relative pronoun or relative adverb.)
- (7) There is a small stream that runs through the green bamboo forest. (Omit the relative pronoun.)
- (8) My cousin looks excited and happy. I think he has got some good news. (Join the sentences, using 'as if / as though'.)
- (9) The worker hid a box of silver coins beneath the kitchen floorboards. (Change the sentence into the passive voice.)
- (10) Kyaw Kyaw said, "Mi Mi, are you the one who sent me this email yesterday?" (Change the sentence into the reported speech.)

**IV. (A) Write the appropriate words or groups of words to complete the lines of verse.**

**(5 marks)**

- (1) See the moon, a sandy dune,  
Or catch ——— pike.
- (2) ——— by night; study and ease,  
Together mix'd; sweet recreation,
- (3) And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step ——— black.
- (4) All night long in the dark and wet,  
——— goes riding by.
- (5) I shall be telling this with ———  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:

**IV. (B) Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

**(5 marks)**

- (6) Why are communication skills important in our social dealings?
- (7) What does 'the black sheep of the family' mean?
- (8) What kind of people are nocturnal?
- (9) How is electricity generated from the sun?
- (10) What do these lines mean?  
You cannot tell its magic  
By the way the building looks,

**V. Read the passage.**

So far, AI scientists have achieved success in creating AI-powered machines and gadgets with reasoning, speech and vision. A wide range of machines, devices, and tools powered by AI have been invented by AI scientists. Examples of AI technology can be seen in our daily life. When we are typing a text on a computer or on a mobile, we notice pop-up messages suddenly appearing on the screen, suggesting what we should write next. Most of the time, these suggestions are quite the same as what we are going to write. It seems that the computer can read our minds. This is how a computer programme called 'text editor' helps us with word processing. While typing a text, we also tend to make spelling mistakes. At such times, these mistakes are automatically corrected by the computer. This is what we call the auto-correction feature of a computer software application.

We have more examples of AI technology in various sectors. In the security and surveillance sector, facial recognition systems and security cameras help the police find missing persons, detect



criminals, and protect our homes. In the transportation sector, self-driving cars, or driverless cars powered by AI technology are becoming more and more popular because they can reduce driver error as well as the number of accidents. In the past, it was difficult for us to find a location in a big city. Now, the Google Maps and GPS Navigation Apps installed on our mobiles help us get to an unfamiliar place just by following the directions.

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

- (1) We can see \_\_\_\_\_ of AI technology in our daily life.
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is a computer programme that helps us with word processing.
- (3) Security cameras are very \_\_\_\_\_ in detecting criminals.
- (4) In the past, we had \_\_\_\_\_ to find a location in a big city.
- (5) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Google Maps and GPS Navigation Apps on our mobiles to get directions.

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

- (6) What kind of machines and gadgets have AI scientists created successfully?
- (7) What happens while a text is being typed on a computer?
- (8) Why are spelling mistakes typed on a computer corrected automatically?
- (9) Mention the sectors where utilization of AI technology can be found.
- (10) Why are driverless cars powered by AI technology becoming more and more popular?

VI. Read the passage.

A zero-waste lifestyle is an eco-friendly lifestyle that aims to reduce the amount of waste an individual creates daily and send as little waste to landfills as possible. While it is impossible to create zero waste, there are many ways to reduce consumption that can benefit our planet. Much of the food waste we produce, like eggshells or fruit peels, are biodegradable materials and they can become nutrient-rich soil, homegrown fertilizer, for plants. Many common household items can be repurposed to reduce waste. For example, glass jars can be handy for storing food or become lovely flower vases. An old bed sheet can be turned into a reusable bag for grocery shopping. Use fabric bags to carry fresh produce, so we don't have to use the store's single-use plastic bags. Buying second-hand clothing is a good way to reuse pre-existing materials, rather than purchasing new, trendy, fast-fashion garments that are more likely to end up in a landfill. Recycling is the process by which used materials are converted into new products. Recycling cuts down on our need to harvest resources, minimizes greenhouse gas emissions, and reduces deforestation over time. When waste generation is decreased, it has a positive impact on pollution linked to manufacturing, transportation, and disposal. Adopting a zero-waste lifestyle can be challenging because we have to unlearn wasteful behaviours while learning to practise mindful consumption.

(A) Find the bold-faced words in the passage that are similar in meaning to the following. There is an extra. (5 marks)

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| (1) occurring, found, or done often          | = |
| (2) paying close attention to                | = |
| (3) agricultural and other natural products  | = |
| (4) the action of causing something to exist | = |
| (5) the action of using up resources         | = |

(B) Answer the following questions. Give complete answers. (10 marks)

- (6) What are the aims of a zero-waste lifestyle?
- (7) Give an example of repurposing an old thing to reduce waste.
- (8) How can recycling help the environment?
- (9) Why can adopting a zero-waste lifestyle be challenging?
- (10) What are your suggestions for changing to a zero-waste lifestyle?



**VII. (A) Complete the dialogue with the expressions given in the box. There is an extra. (5 marks)**

Very good	Here we go	In my opinion
The theme was	I think	Correct

- Host : OK. (1) ———! Contestant 1 Nay Nay, what was the theme of the International Day of Disabled Persons Contest 2022?
- Nay Nay : (2) ——— 'Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world'.
- Host : (3) ———! Next, Contestant 2 Nyi Nyi, can you tell me the name of a deaf-blind person who was the first to get a university degree?
- Nyi Nyi : (4) ——— that was Hellen Keller.
- Host : (5) ———. Hellen Keller was the first deaf-blind graduate in the world.

**VII. (B) Complete the exchanges, using the expressions given in the box. There is an extra. (5 marks)**

No, thanks.	I don't like your idea.	That's what I think too.
Yes, please.	That sounds like a great idea!	Why don't you buy that ring?

- (6) A: We need to study more for the final exam.  
B: ——— I've only revised three units so far.
- (7) A: I don't know what gift I should give Ma Ma on her birthday.  
B: Look! ——— It's beautiful.
- (8) A: How about painting the living room blue?  
B: ——— I prefer green.
- (9) A: Are you free tonight? Shall we go to the cinema?  
B: ———
- (10) A: Would you like a glass of water?  
B: ——— I'm not thirsty.

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

You are Min Ko. You live at No. 201, Merchant Road, Yangon. Write a letter to your friend, Ye Lin, explaining the advantages of participating in volunteer work and encouraging him to take part in some volunteer activities.

You are Nilar. Your address is No. 35, Lanmadaw Road, Pyay. Write a letter to your friend, Swe Mon, telling her about the effects of healthy eating and advising her to consume less fast food.

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

Self-discipline is one of the keys for success

Benefits and drawbacks of making new friends online

Necessity is the mother of invention