

DEFENCE SERVICES TECHNOLOGICAL ACADEMY
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION for TWENTY SECOND INTAKE
ENGLISH (SET A) **Time Allowed : (2) Hours**

I. Read the passage.

The following are descriptions of the tourist attractions of one of the countries in Southeast Asia.

Myanmar, known as “The Golden Land”, is famous for its glittering pagodas, vast tracts of timber forests and huge mineral resources, as well as for the hospitality of its people. Nay Pyi Taw is the capital of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The commercial city is Yangon. One can find many famous historic pagodas such as the Shwedagon, museums, parks and many places of recreation.

The Ayeyarwady River is the life-blood of the Myanmar people. Along its banks stand many ancient capitals of Myanmar kings – Tagaung, Mandalay, Amarapura, Sagaing, Inwa, Bagan and Pyay, **where** many existing old monuments and buildings reveal the greatness of their time of glory. Among others, Bagan with its thousands of old pagodas is recognized by the world’s travellers as one of the world’s wonders. This 1,200-year-old city, with over 2,000 ancient pagodas is proof of the rich cultural heritage of Myanmar and is one of the archaeological treasure houses in Asia.

Just 50 kilometres southeast of Bagan lies Mount Popa, an extinct volcano. It is a unique place for those who would like to enjoy half a day or a day hiking and trekking in the mountain.

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

- (1) The people of Myanmar are -----.
- (2) Yangon is the city of ----- in Myanmar.
- (3) Existing old monuments and buildings of ancient capitals show their times were great and -----.
- (4) ----- recognize Bagan as one of the world’s wonders.
- (5) Bagan is situated in ----- of Mount Popa.

(B) Answer each question in one sentence. (10 marks)

- (6) What kind of pagodas, tracts of timber forests and natural resources does Myanmar possess?
- (7) What are the attractions of Yangon and is it the capital of Myanmar?
- (8) To what is the Ayeyarwady River similar to and what lies along its banks?
- (9) What does “**where**” in line 8 refer to?
- (10) Where is Mount Popa situated and what can one do there?

II. Fill in each numbered blank with a word from the list given.

Write down only the number of the blank and the word that fills it. (10 marks)

right	that	the	their	I’ve
matter	under	influence	he	went
the	was	are	plucked	anything
now	for	with	should	and

Off they --(1)-- to look for him in the forest, --(2)-- there atop a tall bael tree was --(3)-- friend, sitting tight.

Before they could say --(4)--, the astrologer called out to them. “Hey, --(5)-- got all the tender bael leaves that --(6)-- go well with our meal. See!” --(7)-- said, holding up the leaves he had --(8)--.

“Then why are you still there astride --(9)-- branch? What are you staying on there --(10)--?”

“Ah,” replied the astrologer, “the climbing up --(11)-- easy because at that moment I was --(12)-- the influence of an ascending constellation. But --(13)--, the climbing down is quite a different --(14)--. You see, the stars are not just --(15)-- as yet and I am waiting for --(16)-- moment when I will be under the --(17)-- of a descending constellation.”

“Oh, to hell --(18)-- your stars and constellations!” the three on--(19)-- ground yelled, almost in unison. “Just come --(20)-- down!”

III. Write the appropriate words or words to complete the sentences. (20 Marks)

- (1) Julius Caesar fixed the calendar by adding an extra day -----.
- (2) Cosmic rays of the sun would ---(a)--- on the moon if it had ---(b)---.
- (3) Due to no ---(a)--- to catch, people were not ---(b)--- knowing the exact time.
- (4) Robots are growing in ---(a)--- and their industrial use is becoming ---(b)---.

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- (5) Being ---(a)--- in those days, John Bishop was faced with ---(b)--- .
- (6) Advertisements are found to be ---(a)--- by most people for giving them ---(b)--- about ---(c)--- which are ---(d)--- on the market.
- (7) Not eating certain foods such as ---(a)--- and ---(b)--- can prevent you from ---(c)---.
- (8) Mosquitoes are not only ---(a)--- but they also pose ---(b)---.
- (9) In Indonesia, Yogyakarta is ----- a special cultural centre of Java.
- (10) On arriving at the Keller house, Annie found a very ----- little girl.

IV. Complete the statements with suitable prepositions.

Write down only the number of the blank and the word that fills it. (10 marks)

e.g. Take care ---(1)--- my baby while I'm away.

Answer. (1) of

- (A) The students will be --(1)-- vacation --(2)-- July.
- (B) After living --(3)--Pyin Oo Lwin --(4)--four years, their family moved --(5)-- Lashio.
- (C) Being unaware --(6)-- the risk, children are much fond --(7)--eating chips.
- (D) I'm very sorry --(8)--being late. It was good --(9)---you to wait --(10)---me.
- (E) I thought you'd be late --(11)-- dinner, so I ordered some fried noodle --(12)-- you; It's --(13)-- the bar. I haven't paid --(14)---them. You can pay --(15)-- the barman.
- (F) Jenny dreamed --(16)-- wearing diamond earrings --(17)-- she was fifteen.
- (G) I don't believe --(18)--miracle as the patient is --(19)--a critical condition--(20)-- the moment.

V. Finish each sentence in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence given. (20 marks)

- (1) The movie is too boring for me to continue watching. (The movie is not ----)
- (2) Nothing cheap is sold in this supermarket. (Nobody -----)
- (3) The passengers jumped into the ocean as soon as the ship sank. (No sooner -----)
- (4) Swimming requires stamina and so does running. (Running requires as -----)
- (5) Pa Pa studies more seriously than Hla Hla. (Pa Pa is -----)
- (6) The instructor is going to explain the procedures later. (The procedures ----)
- (7) Ma Ma has already returned the books she rented from the library. (The books -----)
- (8) You will feel happy if you think less about your failure. (The -----)
- (9) Both of the twins were absent yesterday. (Neither of -----)
- (10) Iron is a more useful metal than copper. (Copper is not -----)
- (11) Nothing has been known about the disappearance of flight MH 370. (Nobody -----)
- (12) The police must search everybody if they want to catch the pickpocket. (Unless -----)
- (13) If you don't tell the truth, you will be blamed. (Without -----)
- (14) Very few cities in the world are as big and populated as New York. (New York -----)
- (15) They looked at one another as they didn't comprehend the advice. (Not -----)
- (16) "Wouldn't I look pretty with little diamonds?" asked Jenny. (Jenny -----)
- (17) Our grandpa is as fit as a fiddle although he is old. (In spite of his -----)
- (18) The Chinese invented paper, the main writing material of today. (Paper -----)
- (19) Nobody is allowed to enter this room without permission. (People -----)
- (20) Why didn't the refugees seek help? (Why wasn't -----?)

VI. You are Paw Oo, living at No. 21, Zaygyi Road, Monywa. Write a letter to your friend Khin Maung, who has got six distinctions in the matriculation examination, asking him how you should learn English and Mathematics as you have to take these subjects in the entrance examination of DSTA. **(10 marks)**

(OR)

You are Kyi Sein and live at No. 45, 2nd Street, Patheingyi. Write a letter to your friend, Kyaw Kyaw, who has got a gold medal in the 27th SEA Games in Myanmar and asking him how you should practise to become a successful athlete like him.

VII. Write an essay of three paragraphs on ONE of the following. (15 marks)

The importance of self-discipline

Unity is strength

Why we should keep our environment green