Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Section – A

1 (a) Provide synonyms of the following words: (5)

(i) Sticky (ii) Accept (iii) Ambition (iv) Abandon (v) Rude

(b) Provide antonyms of the following words: (5)

(i) Important (ii) Forget (iii) Humble (iv) Genuine (v) Zig-zag

(c) Substitute with a single word: (5)

(i) A place with tables for gambling (ii) A person’s first stage appearance

(iii) Study of rocks and soils (iv) A person who writes lyrics

(v) One who eats too much

(d) Use the following prefixes to make two words (5)

(i) Vice (ii) Non (iii) Super- (iv) Under- (v) Pre-

2 (a) Correct the following sentences: (10)

1) Mr. Peter is one of my favourite teacher.
2) Distribute these sweets among the two boys.
3) We should work hardly for success.
4) There were few cows in the field, only two.
5) She is a untidy girl.
6) These gifts are for you and I.
7) The Manager and CEO are here.
8) If the maid informed me beforehand, I would have done my work earlier.
9) How you know this person?
10) Give me a scissor.

(b) Punctuate the following sentences using appropriate punctuation marks:
1. sohans brother in law lives in delhi
2. alas i am ruined said he.
3. would you mind in passing me the salt
4. truth is god god is truth
5. where are rohits toys asked mother

3. How many sounds are present in English sound system? What are their broad divisions? Explain these divisions. Provide any ten symbols of vowel sounds.

Section – B

4 (a) Comprehend the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

The New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of ‘do’s and ‘don’ts’. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with the children, do a thousand and one job about the house, be nice to people we don’t like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our efforts at self improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercises every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year’s Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of this new resolution on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled ‘How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute’. Perhaps it will solve my problem, but I just have not had time to read it.

i) Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?
ii) Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?
iii) Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year’s Day?
iv) Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following:

1) Achievements (2) Irritation (3) Drawbacks (4) Essential

v) Provide a suitable title for the passage.

(b) Draft an e-mail to your company manager seeking a week’s off from the office on health grounds.

5. (a) Describe the various elements that make up a good business letter.

(b) Describe your life at MVN University in about 250 words.

6. (a) Write a complaint letter to the manager of a manufacturing industry regarding the delay in transportation of goods.

(b) Write a creative slogan on the following topics by providing supportive texts:

(i) Road Safety (ii) Dowry System (iii) Gender Discrimination
(iv) Communal Harmony (v) Water Conservation