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

7(a) Write a detailed project report on causes of unemployment and its remedy. [10]

(b) Write a complaint letter to the manager of a manufacturing industry regarding the delay in transportation of goods. [10]
SECTION-A

2. (a) Use the following pairs of words in sentences of your own:

Adapt / adept, Yolk / yoke, Borne / born, Counsel/ council, Aught / ought

(b) Give meaning of the following idioms and form sentences by using them:

To be fair & square, At a stone throw distance, To foot the bill, In black and white, Black and White

3. (a) Discuss in brief the speech mechanism in English phonetics.

(b) Transcribe the following words using IPA symbols:

Teacher, Examination, measure, system, poor, doctor, Choice, weather, Children, school

4. (a) Develop a dialogue on problem of increasing number of crimes in India.

(b) Define the following terms-

(i) Complaint letter with an example
(ii) difference between CV, Resume and Bio-data

SECTION-B

5. Correct the following sentences:

I. Wordsworth is one of the great poet of literature.
II. Distribute these sweets among the two boys.
III. We should work hardly for success.
IV. There were many sheeps in the field.
V. She is a untidy girl.
VI. These gifts are for you and I.
VII. The Manager and CEO are here.
VIII. If the maid informed me beforehand, I would have done my work earlier.
IX. How you know this person?
X. Give me a scissor. It is ten in my watch.
XI. Mr. Peter is one of my favourite teacher.
XII. Distribute these sweets among the two boys.
XIII. We should work hardly for success.
XIV. There were few cows in the field, only two.
XV. She is a untidy girl.
XVI. These gifts are for you and I.
XVII. The Manager and CEO are here.
XVIII. If the maid informed me beforehand, I would have done my work earlier.
XIX. How you know this person?
XX. Give me a scissor.

6. 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