During the official hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30, these large storms sometimes hit coastal areas of the United States. As these hurricanes approach, there is rain and strong winds. Meteorologists, scientists who study the weather, watch these storms very carefully. They classify hurricanes into five categories depending upon how strong the hurricane is. Category 1 and 2 hurricanes are the weakest hurricanes, Category 4 and 5 hurricanes are the strongest, and Category 3 storms are in the middle. This year, the United States has been hit by more damaging hurricanes than in any other year.

(b) Write a debate on ‘Alcohol should be illegal’ both in flow and against the stream. [10]

7. (a) Write your self-introduction by giving your personal and professional details. [10]
(b) Write 20 words with different vowel sounds and same structure of consonant sounds. [10]
A leading Indian industrialist, in a recent article on ways to strengthen India’s economy has drawn attention to the problems of inflation and industrial sickness among other things. One of the main reasons for industrial sickness in our country has been the fact that business and industrial managers have not been able to look beyond the immediate future. They have been too preoccupied with their attempts to report favourable results for the current year: Higher profits and larger dividends to the share holders. The planning horizon has already ever exceeded five years. Investments have been inadequate for new plants and towards diversification and expansions. Modernisation and asset creation seriously lagged behind in business growth. Growth is needed for survival: One has to grow if one does not want to be wiped out. This is particularly true today with liberalization of imports and increasing competition. Moreover, growth and higher productivity create employment and higher employment creates larger markets both for industrial and consumer products. It was Henry Ford who brought home the need for the creation of a larger and a more stable middle class, that is, a larger number of people who can afford more and more of goods and services.

(i) What are the two prominent causes a leading Indian industrialist has pointed as reasonable for India’s weak economy?

(ii) What is reasonable for industrial sickness in India?

(iii) Explain with references to the passage – one has to grow if one does not want to be wiped out.

(iv) Why did Henry Ford stress the need for a more stable middle class?

(v) Use the following words in sentences:

(a) Wipe out
(b) Asset
(c) Stable

(b) Write a debate on All people should be vegetarians.

(200 words)?

SECTION-B

5. (a) Write a story from on any religious scripture of your choice.

[10]

(b) Write a script of talk between two friends showing their likes and dislikes on ‘Excessive use of internet’ (200 words).

[10]

6(a) Read the following passage and write its summary assigning it a suitable title:        [10]

Hurricanes are large tropical storms that develop in the oceans of the world. Hurricanes gather heat and energy from the warm ocean water. The heat from these warm currents increases the power of the hurricane. Hurricanes that remain over warm water usually get bigger and stronger, but they weaken once they get over land. Hurricanes are storms that are given names, and a new list of names is created each year. The first hurricane name starts with the letter A, like Ashley, and the names move through the alphabet as more hurricanes form. Hurricane clouds move in a circle around a point called the eye, which is the center of the storm. To be called a hurricane, a storm must have wind speeds of at least 74 miles per hour. When a hurricane comes ashore, there are heavy rains, large waves and strong winds that cause damage to buildings, cars and trees. Also, flooding can occur when large waves called storm surges hit the beaches. Storm surges are the main reason people are told to leave beach towns and move inland when a hurricane approaches. Hurricanes move very slowly though, so people have a chance to get out of the way.