

**(A) Write an essay on each of the following topics describing the effects of these natural disasters on humans and their environment**

1. Tornado: Hurricane, violent and destructive whirlwind
2. Hurricane: Violent windstorm, especially a West Indian Cyclone
3. Cyclone: Violent wind rotating round a calm central area – Violent windstorm:
4. Drought: Continuous period of dry weather, causing distress – want of rain.
5. Earthquake: Sudden and violent movement of the earth's surface.
6. Volcano: Hill or mountain with openings, through which gases ,lava, ashes, etc come up from below the earth's crust. (Cf Volcanic eruption.)  
Cf. Lava: Hot liquid materials flowing from a volcano.
7. Monsoon: Seasonal wind blowing in the Indian Ocean from South West, from April to October (wet monsoon), and from North East during the others months (dry monsoon) (Cf. The rainy season that comes with the wet monsoon.
8. Wildfire:
9. Tsunami:
10. Flooding

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1. Your elder sister has written to tell you that she plans to learn a trade. Write back to her giving, at least, three reasons why she should rather further her education up to the university level.
2. Several articles have appeared in the newspapers criticizing the performances of the police. Write a letter to the editor of one of the national dailies expressing your opinion on the matter.
3. Write an article for publication in a national daily on how the interest of students in academic excellence can be reawakened.
4. Your club has organized a debate on the topic: "Sports are a means of promoting National Unity." As one of the speakers, write your arguments for **or** against the topic.
5. Tell a story to illustrate the saying: "Birds of a feather flock together."
6. Your brother is about to enter secondary school. Write a letter to him stating at least three problems he is likely to face in school and suggesting ways of solving them.
7. Write an article for publication in your school magazine on: "The evil effects of examination malpractice in our society".

8. Write a letter to your Local Government Authority commenting on **three** health hazards in your area. Make suggestions as to how the situation can be improved.
9. You are the main speaker in an inter-school debate. Write your speech for or against the motion: "Corrupt Public Officers, too, Deserve Capital Punishment".
10. Write a story ending with: "He reaped what he sowed". The story should be suitable for publication in your school magazine.
11. Your Uncle, who has been living abroad, has asked for information on the changes that took place in your country in the recent past. Write a letter to him discussing at least **three** such changes.
12. Write an article suitable for publication in a national newspaper on the topic: "The problem of Unemployment in my Country."
13. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Road Safety Division in your country complaining about the alarming rate at which road accidents occur these days. Suggest at least **three** ways by which the accidents can be prevented.
14. You are the newly-elected president of a cultural organization. Write the speech you will deliver at your inauguration highlighting the need to maintain the traditions of your people.
15. Write a story which ends with the words: "I wish I had told the truth at the beginning."