

## 2016 Reading Comprehension Questions

- Find out the words in above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following

Intimidating = formidable

Peril = pitfall

Dwindle = waned

Repel = fended off

barb = jibes

- Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?

There are several reasons of failure at self improvement, for instance our plans are way too illusionary and arduous, that we do not have time to accomplish them. Moreover we divulge our plans to everybody; not executable



them and thus making fun of ourselves.

• Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day?

As the New Year's Eve party held overnight, and the writer was tired and sleepy, the tasks he wanted to accomplish were bit arduous for him, as he was already exhausted. So, it was not possible for him to accomplish these tasks on New Year's Day.

• Why it is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

Yes it's a mistake, divulging our plans to everybody but it's just to show off before others that we have something productive to do in our life. We made our illusionary plans, not able to accomplish them and thus making ourselves futile and <sup>then</sup> berated by others.



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① Made me Belfast papers

Belfast is the second largest city on the island of Ireland. They made the Belfast Papers (visa) for going to Belfast.

② Had a spell

It means the writer's father had a great influence or attraction for the Belfast Union.

③ Dubbed

Dubbed means giving an unofficial name or nickname. So here <sup>as</sup> the worker was terminated from his position because of the marriage, therefore he was free, official leave is given for marriage, as he was already not on job, he was free therefore in this official period he went for honeymoon.

④ was sacked

It means writer's father colleague was dismissed/terminated from the job.

⑤ hit hard

The writer's family was badly affected due the financial circumstances because his father was also the part of strike when his father's colleague was sacked.



Q) Why <sup>was</sup> his father's colleague sacked?

The writer's father's colleague was fired from the job because he took off time for marriage and as a result all the work force went on strike to get the colleague reinstated.

Q) From your reading of (the passage) what do you infer about the nature of (the "Troubles") the writer mentions.

Writer faces a lot of troubles in his life. The first one was the financial crises that he and his family faced.

Q) What according to the writer were (the working conditions in the Electronics firm where his father worked)?

It is a long time ago when writer's father worked in the electronic firm. It was the time when computers were the size of small houses and were built by sheet metal workers.



Q How does the writer show that as a father & son they do not know much about each other?

Writer says said that he and his father are close to each other but they do not know much about each other because they don't discussed about events.