

A-1- According to the writer, most of the people fails in their efforts for self-improvement. It is due to the reason that their plans or schemes for self-improvement are very ambitious and time-taking. But, human beings do not have enough time to materialize them. Moreover, people with whom they have share their plans, also become source of discouragement for them, when they fail to follow their decided schemes.

A-2- People often commit a basic mistake of announcing their resolution with other persons. Actually, when a person share his plans and resolution with others, it becomes mandatory for him to remain stick to this resolution. If he deviates from it or fails in accomplishing what he said earlier, he becomes the victim of taunts, jokes by his family and others. It demotivates him from materializing his resolutions. Resultantly

~~gives up his resolution.~~

A=3= The writer did not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day. There was an evening party on New Year's evening. ^{The} writer made it an excuse for not following his two set ambitions. One of them was doing exercise every morning and other was reading something in the evening. But, due to party, he did not follow his resolution.

A=4= Intimidating means threatening or developing fear in someone.

Similar words - fended off

b) Peril means danger, words similar in meaning are - pitfalls

c) Dwindle refers to decrease in something. wane, diminish, exhaust, fell, less

d) Repel - Betray, fended off

e) Barb - taunts, jibes

It will be found thorough the analysis of human nature that there are two forces in the human being, on which his thinking and action depend, perception. Poet has unusual power of sense and under this feeling, gives birth to poetry. But, many poets lack the power of perception. That's why, their poetry is of temporary and emotional nature. Its impact is not long-lasting. Very few poets have both forces, power of sense and power of perception, in their poetry. These poets are great and universal. and their message is not bound to time and place.

- 1) We were staying at our sister's cape's code vacation home.
- 2) She recommended me to take a few days off from work.
- 3) I tried to explain him the problem, but he had difficulty in understanding it.

- 4) Lucy ^{told grandma} said that she would do the grocery for her.
- 5) We took a tent, cooler and sleeping bag.
- 6) I donot know why did you not go?
If I were you, I would have gone.
- 7) Kevin says that he ^{has} stopped to travel internationally because of his family
- 8) Mr. Salman shouted with enger not to run.

Q. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(20)

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 favorites 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 exercise 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 these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task. The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humoredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning. I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. 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.

Questions:

1. Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement? (5)
2. Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody? (5)
3. Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day? (5)
4. Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following:
(a) intimidating (b) peril (c) dwindle (d) repel e) barb (5)

Q.5. Translate the following passage into English.

(20)

انسانی قدرت کے تجزیہ سے معلوم ہوگا کہ انسان میں دو قوتیں ہیں جس پر اس کے فکر اور عمل کا دار و مدار ہے، قوتِ لوراکٹ احساس۔ شاعر میں قوتِ احساس غیر معمولی ہوتا ہے اور اس احساس کے زیر اثر شعر کو وجود بخشتا ہے۔ لیکن بہت سے شاعروں میں قوتِ لوراکٹ نہیں ہوتا۔ اس لئے ان کی شاعری وقتی، عارضی اور جذباتی نوعیت کی ہوتی ہے، اس کا اثر پانچویں ہوتا بہت کم شاعروں کی شاعری میں دونوں قوتوں، قوتِ احساس اور قوتِ لوراکٹ کا عمل دخل ہوتا ہے۔ وہی شعرا عظیم اور آفاقی ہوتے ہیں اور ان کا پیغام زمان و مکان کی پابندیوں سے مبرا ہوتا ہے۔

(20) Correct only FIVE of the following.

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- (i) We were staying at my sister's cape's code vacation home.
- (ii) She recommended me that I take a few days off from work.
- (iii) I tried to explain him the problem, but he had difficulty understanding me.
- (iv) I'll do the grocery shopping for you grandma Lucy said.
- (v) We took a tent, a cooler, and a sleeping bag.
- (vi) I don't know why you didn't go. If I were you, I should have gone.
- (vii) Kevin says he stopped to travel internationally because of his family.
- (viii) Don't run! Mr. Salman shouted.