

Passage Comprehension. (2016)

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

Ans: As the New Year arrives, so does our formidable list of do's and don'ts. However, most of us fail in ~~our~~ our efforts at self-improvement because the list we have made and the schedule we have planned ^{is} aggressive and beyond achievable, leaving us no time to follow it.

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

Ans: It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because we often fail to follow our plan. And this will make us look incompetent and foolish ^{in front of people} to follow our old bad habits.

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

Ans: The writer had two resolutions planned to follow; to do physical exercise in the morning and to read in the evening.

However, an overnight party on New Year's Eve left him exhausted and he was unable to follow any of these resolutions on the very first day.

Q. Find out the words in the above passage which conveys the similar meaning to following:

- ① Intimidating ② Peril ③ Dwindle
 ④ Repel ⑤ Barb.

Ans:

Intimidating : Formidable.

Dwindle : ^{Diminish} Deminished.

Repel : Fended off.

Peril : Pitfalls.

Barb : Twisted.

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Q:

What has been lamented in the text?

Ans:

The text laments our inability to keep up with art in our daily life. It is the reality of today's world that art has faded away from our life. We oversee the artistic activity of the spirit, and don't value or recognize it in the work of others.

Q:

What is the difference between ordinary man and an artist?

Ans:

An artist, of any kind, is a man who sees the universe with a lens different from ordinary man. The beauty he sees in the universe is going to be reflected from his works. He satisfies the desire of his spirit by producing such works. On the other hand, an ordinary man is the opposite of an artist and is devoid of the gift of seeing beauty in the universe.

Q:

How can we make our lives beautiful and charming?

Ans:

We can make our lives beautiful and

charming by applying acquiring an artistic approach. If we want to make anything, we ought to make it beautiful for the sake of doing so, or if we want to buy something, we ought to seek beauty in it, for the sake of beauty. We ought to recognize and value the artistic works of others.

Q4: What does the writer actually mean when he says, "Beauty is not an ornament of life"?

Ans: The writer, by saying "Beauty is not an ornament to life", means that beauty is not something that can be added to the things for decoration or pleasure. Instead, it is an essential part of both the life and the things we create and use.

Q5: Do art and beauty affect our practical life and morals? Justify whether you agree or disagree.

Ans: Yes, art and beauty do affect our practical life and morals. Beauty is intertwined with spiritual and moral aspects of life. Just as actions without moral values are seen empty or distasteful, objects without aesthetic value are equally unsatisfactory.