

## EXERCISE No. 17

At the beginning of a new year the thoughts of most of us turn to a mental stock-taking, a weighing up of our aims, achievements and personalities. And if we are honest, we are forced back upon the realization that it is the best of these ----our personalities, the people we are---that is the greatest factor in deciding whether the first two will be realised, whether our aims will in fact become achievements, "Character is destiny ". This truth is known to all creative writers, to all great administrators. For example, Napoleon's contempt for 'unlucky' generals, stemmed from his knowledge that luck is almost always a reflection of a man's own approach to life. It is a truth known also to proforecasts of a person's future, largely of the basis of a quick and shrewd summing-up of a person's character. For however much you may hanker for , any adventure, you will never achieve it, unless you are basically an adventurous person; you may long for friends but they will not come near your way unless you are a friendly soul willing to give affection.

### Questions :

1. What does the writer mean by "mental stock-taking"?
2. Explain the difference between aims, achievements and personalities ?
3. What do you think is meant by "Character is Destiny"?
4. What is the truth known to professional fortune-tellers?
5. Suggest a suitable heading for the passage.

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### A(1)

By mental stock taking, the writer means...

The writer said "mental stock-taking", which means that at the <sup>beginning</sup> of new year some of us thought to achieve our aims and to develop and enhance our personalities.

### A(2)

There is a great difference between aims, achievements and personalities. Aims means goal set or decided by a person. Achievements are prizes or bonuses, which are given to a

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person, who achieve his goals or aims. Personality is the characteristics, attributes, way of speaking, listening and usage of body language of a person.

A(3)

Character is ~~desires~~ means that luck is almost a reflection of a man's own approach to life. For instance how much you may have for any adventure, you will never achieve it, unless you are an adventurous person or you may want friends but they will not become your friends unless you are a friendly soul.

A(4)

Napoleon ~~says~~ from his knowledge that luck is always a reflection of a man's own approach to life. It is a truth known to professional fortune-tellers regarding a person's future, on the basis of person's character.

A(5)

Suitable heading for the passage is :  
Luck is a Reflection of a Man