

## 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 prof forecasts 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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By mental stock taking, the writer means...

A(1)

The writer said "mental stock-taking", which means  
But 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



Repeat question statement at the start of the answer.

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 ~~dest~~ destiny. 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 say 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