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

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

Answer: Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because we do not have time to carry on our ambition. We all have experienced frustration because of failure in achieving ambition. Due to frustration and lonely feeling, we do not continue our good habits and spent time watching television and maximum time spend on exercise.

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

Answer: It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because when we slip into our bad habits then we look more foolish. When ~~we~~ people consider <sup>us</sup> foolish so it's very difficult for us to continue our resolution and prevent bad habits.

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

Answer: Late night party on new year's night stopped the writer to carry out the first-day resolution. Due to the new year's night party, by the 10<sup>th</sup> of January writer went back to their previous bad habit.

4) Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following:

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| (a): Intimidating | Unsettling           |
| (b): Peril        | Frustration          |
| (c): Dwindle      | Gradually diminished |
| (d) Repel         | Fended off           |
| (e) Barb          | Taunts and jibes     |