

Comprehension:

Q1: 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. As the resolution we made at the very start of every year are pretty aspiring & determined. Self-improvement is the basic need behind them. But the efforts goes all in vain because we are not giving much attention and time to self improvement. There is always contradiction between words and action. As a result, we fail.

Q2. We 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. Every ^{new} year is considered the time of resolution and we make a list of 'do's' and 'don't's'. After making resolution we used to share them with others. But man is lazy by nature, he

Started getting bore of ^{some} anything after some time. Man do not stick to his words & then not be able to perform well. His bad performance makes him embarrassed in front of society for not fulfilling his own words.

Q3.

Writer knows the fact that it is a mistake of announcing his new resolution to everybody. So he thought of keeping his resolution to himself. He limited himself to two good habits. One is doing exercise daily and the second is habit of reading books. He also get benefit of overnight party on New Year Evening and didn't carry out his resolution on first day. From day 2nd he committed to his task/work sincerely/actively.

Q4.

Intimidating

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