

Ans-1 Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement, ~~to~~ because we set such milestones for ourselves that we do not have enough time to fulfill them. ~~This also, the fact which we learnt from our past experiences.~~

Ans-2 It is the biggest mistake to announce our resolutions to everybody because in case if we fail to carry it on, we would be considered mindless. So, in order to avoid such situation, we should not present our resolutions openly.

Ans-3 New Year's Eve celebrations provided ^{the} writer a valid excuse to, ~~not~~ skip pursuing his resolution on first day of New Year.

Ans: 4: (a) intimidating

Unsettling

(b) peril

Pitfalls

(c) Repel

Fended off

(d) barb

Taunts and jibes

(e) Rep Dwindle

Diminished