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Q 3

- ① Candid : Transparent ×
- ② Eloquent : Articulate ✓
- ③ Alleviate : Reverse × 5
- ④ Exacerbate : Worsen ✓
- ⑤ Ubiquitous : Omnipresent ✓
- ⑥ Taciturn : Relevant ✓
- ⑦ Abhor : Loathe ×
- ⑧ Meticulous : Precise ×
- ⑨ Prolific : Abundant ×
- ⑩ APATHY : Indifference ✓

Q 1(Precis)

Often small corrupt practices, not solely itself but when compounded with other such practices, help in building grounds for an atmosphere where corruption is deemed as a normal thing.

For instance, a government servant's act of doing any small, illegal work, may be overlooked, yet it, like the snowball effect, has the ability to corrupt the whole system. Such corrupt practices harm country's growth prospects, as it hampers the efforts of allocating resources properly and in honouring merit. Such as, cheating in exams not only ~~does~~ ^{inflicts} injustice towards meritorious students but also lowers the country's workforce efficiency, both of public and private workforce. Furthermore, corruption ~~destroys~~ ^{destroys} the very social fabric of the country by creating despairness in the minds of those who believe in fair play and merit. Studies reveal that, ^{the prevalence of} small acts of corruption lead citizens towards resorting to big crimes. This also causes other socio-economic and political problems. Thus, ^{for building better society} it is ^{our} ~~the~~ social responsibility of to pay attention to ~~the~~ even minute actions, and to resist all the temptations in this regard.

Titles:-

1. Small corrupt practices: Snowball effect and associated "ills".

Q2

a)

ANS:-

The primary reason behind why most people fail to keep their New Year resolutions is due to the faults / lines present in the methods which these people use to meet their objectives. Such as their objectives are not set on the basis of what they genuinely need, rather it is shaped either due to their own innate desires or due to the societal pressure. As these objectives are not set on the genuine foundations and ^{are} devoid of any meaningful

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purpose, so when any difficulties come in their path they easily abandon their ^{pursuit of achieving it} set objectives. Thus, their ^{faulty} approach of setting goals is the primary reason behind their failure to keep their New Year resolutions.

b) The reason behind why resolutions tend to be ineffective even though people are highly motivated at the start of year is due to their disconnect with the real-life issues and problems. They set their goals on the idealistic grounds without taking into account what actually are the conditions in their ^{living/working} sphere. When these goals do not meet with the ground realities, it pressurizes them, resulting in the withering of their resolutions. Thus, in this way, their resolutions tend to be ineffective even though ~~people~~ they

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the year.

Q 2. C) The psychological factor that keeps people making New Year resolutions year after year despite knowing they may fail is embedded in the human desire of making itself a completely new person. As the New Year encompasses itself with the "~~new~~" symbolic opportunity of renewing oneself, like the reset button used in the electronic systems. Just like pressing the reset button sets the system to the renewed condition, the New Year start also give hope to the humans to renew themselves. Thus the desire to ^{start again with} ~~be~~ a clean, clean state is the psychological factor that keeps people making New Year resolutions year after year.

d) The most effective approach to achieving lasting change instead of making New Year resolutions ~~are~~ ~~is~~ ~~by~~ are multifaceted. The first thing to do in this regard is to shift the focus from paying importance to symbols towards the more practical approach. The goals must be set on the practical grounds and it must be based on only the personal values. Further, there must be well-defined steps elaborating on how to achieve these goals. Only by doing so, one can achieve lasting change instead of making New Year resolutions again and again.

