

Reading Comprehension

Question No. 1

New Year's eve marks that time of the year when people set out personal goals for the coming year. However, majority of the folks are unable to meet their targets. The reason being that the goals that people set for themselves are too far-fetched and ^{are} further impeded by time constraints.

Question No. 2

The blunder of setting too ambitious personal goals for the New Year is further compounded when one chooses to share their targets with the people around. This is a basic mistake as it leads to embarrassment in front of friends and family when one eventually ends up failing to meet the New Year resolutions.

Question No. 3

Being cognizant of the drawbacks of setting extremely far-fetched personal goals for the New Year and sharing it with the folks around, the writer instead chose simple resolutions and kept those to himself. He vowed to do some early morning exertion and further develop his reading habit. However, he failed to carry out his resolution ~~on~~ ~~New Year's Day~~ as he was up late, partying on the New Year's Eve.

Question No. 4

- (a) Intimidating : Formidable
- (b) Peril : Pitfalls
- (c) Dwindle : Wane / Diminish
- (d) Repel : Resist
- (e) Barb : Taunts and Jibes