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## English Comprehension

### Test 1

#### Questions

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

Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out.

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

It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old days.

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

The writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day because of an overnight party on New Year's Eve

which provided him a good excuse  
for not carrying out these new resolutions  
on the first day of the year.

#### 4. (a) Intimidating

Formidable

#### (b) Peril

Pitfalls

#### (c) dwindle

Diminish

#### (d) repel

fend off

#### (e) Baub

Jibe.