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(Q1)

The author contends that certain actions which are aimed at improving one's self are beyond reach. He further says that actions intended at self-improvement are far too ambitious and are out of touch with reality. Moreover, he also contends that these schemes are never done due to the paucity of time.

(Q2)

The author highlights the point that it is a mistake to announce one's new year resolution to everyone. As soon as one starts these self-improvement schemes there is a heightened risk of looking foolish when a person reverts back to their old ways, forgoing the schemes altogether.

Q3

The writer pledged to himself that he would exercise in the morning and read more in the evening. However, on new year's eve he was invited to an overnight party. The party lasted all night and ~~due~~ because of this he could exercise / ~~comp~~ start work on his

new year pledges.

(Q4)

Words

(a) Intimidating

Formidable

(b) Perilous

Failure

(c) Swindle

Waned

(d) Repel

Fended.

(e) Verb

Taunts and jibes