

## English Comprehension Test-1

### Answers:

1. Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never get time to carry them out. We set unrealistic goals that are not aligned with our habits and routines. We are reluctant to change our old bad habits and thus are unable to spare some time for our new ambitions. This leads to the failure of accomplishing our goals for self-improvement.
  
2. It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because if we fail in our efforts for any change, we appear to be unwise. When we slip back into our old habits and routines, the people around us also criticize us for our inability to remain committed to our goals. This failure to stick to our ambitions make us look more foolish in front of everyone.

3. The writer did not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day because he attended the late night New Year party. The party provided him an excuse for not carrying out his new resolutions on the first day of the year.

4. (a) intimidating: formidable  
 (b) peril: pitfalls  
 (c) dwindle: diminished  
 (d) repel: fend<sup>ed</sup> off  
 (e) barb: jibes