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## Comprehension:

Answer (1) Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because our plans are too ambitious, and we don't have enough time to execute them. Additionally, past failures and frustration lead to a lack of belief in our own success, so we tend to give up easily.

Answer (2) It is a basic mistake to announce our resolutions to everybody because when we fail to stick to it, we end up looking foolish in front of others. This public declaration puts pressure on us and increases our embarrassment if we revert to our old habit.

Answer (3) The writer did not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day because he attended an overnight party on New Year's Eve, which gave him a good excuse for skipping his new routines on the first day of the year.

General instructions for  
comprehension test: marks must  
be allocated considering the

following points:

a- Answer must start from the  
question statement

b- It should be of at least 2  
sentences; single sentence  
answer is not permissible

c- Do not add your own opinion  
unless you are asked for; ideas  
must be contextual to the  
passage

d- Avoid replicating phrases from  
the passage; you may  
extract/copy words from it.

e- Give a closing end to each  
answer

f- Ideal length of answer is 5-7  
lines. Avoid too lengthy answers

g- Also, do not begin answers  
with the words, " Yes, No, And or  
Because "

Answer (4) (1) Intimidating - Formidable

(2) Peril - pitfall

(3) Warned - warned

(4) Repel - fend off

(5) Back - jab