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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) Peril

Failure

(c) Swindle

~~Wanted~~

(d) Repel

~~Repled.~~

(e) Verb

Taunts and jibes