

(Ans 1)

Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because the plans which we want to pursue are too high to be achieved. Furthermore, we do not have enough time for the accomplishment of these goals. These two obstacles are the major barriers in attaining success in life.

(Ans 2)

It is a big mistake to announce our resolution to ~~every~~ ^{every} body because we cannot remain consistent in achieving our goals. That's why, when we deviate from our established plans we look even more mad. So, it is best not to announce our commitment to every body.

(Ans 3)

The writer did not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day because he was not sure about the completion of his resolution. He thought that, because of the obstacles, he would not achieve the desired goals. Moreover, lack of seriousness and giving less time for the achievement of plans were the major hindrances. That's why, to secure his respect and to avoid being called foolish he abstained from carrying out plans for New Year's Day.

(Ans 9)

- a Unsettling
- b Uncomfortable ✓ position
- c Diminishing ✓
- d Drag
- e ~~Glued~~

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