

ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

TEST - 1

No personal comments. Answer should be contextual.

Q1) Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?

Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement ~~partly~~ due to highly ambitious ^{schemes} dictated by high level of motivation on New Year's Eve. Since self-improvement demands self-discipline. To follow the steps leading towards self-improvement, ~~emphasis~~ ~~to~~ ~~leisure~~ ~~activities~~ ~~required~~ which a person fails to offer and ~~ends~~ ~~not~~ ends up with no having time to carry them out.

Q2) Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody as our resolutions are based on highly ambitious scheme and ~~complete~~ ~~lists~~ ~~of~~ ~~dos~~ and ~~don'ts~~. Some of the resolutions cannot be attained due to past experiences and some demands rigorous self-discipline to be fulfilled and a person does not have time to carry them out. Such activities out and slips back into old habits which ~~would~~ ~~make~~ ~~the~~ ~~look~~ ~~foolish~~.

We look foolish when we are unable to carry them out.

Q3) Why did the writer not carry out his resolution?

The writer ^{did} could not carry out his resolution on a New Year's Day owing to an overnight party which was good excuse for him to not to carry out either of the resolutions: doing exercise and reading books. The resolution that the writer made ambitiously on New Year's Eve.

Q4) Synonyms

peril

dwindle

repel

barb

intimidating

pitfalls

waned

resisting / fended off

assiduous

creep down