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Comprehension Test - 1

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Q. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Questions:

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

Answer:

Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because of the demanding and aggressive nature of our plans which does not make it possible for us to organize them in order to make better version of ourselves.

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

Answer:

It is a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody because we make such unrealistic goals which make us unable to follow them in routine and after few days we started to live in a manner we used to like in old days, so this kind of act represent us as half-witted

who does not have courage to defeat older self.

(3) Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day?

Answer:

The writer did not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day because of all-night party which made him to turn a deaf (year) ear to the future plans of self-improvement.

(4) Find out the words in above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following.

Answer:

Words from Passage

(a) Intimidating : slip back into our "bad old days".

(b) Peril : pitfalls

(c) Dwindle : my enthusiasm "waned", the time ... "diminished"

(d) Repel : Resisting

(e) Barb : still "have not given up my resolution" to do more reading.