

Man in the Arena: Answers

1. The word “*marred*” in the phrase “*marred by dust and sweat*” means
 - a. Irritated or inflamed.
 - b. **Damaged in appearance.**
 - c. Determined.
 - d. Sweaty.
2. Which phrase gives you the context for the answer for question 1?
 - a. “*knows great enthusiasms.*”
 - b. “*actually in the arena.*”
 - c. “***dust and sweat and blood.***”
 - d. “*strives valiantly.*”
3. What qualities does the speech indicate matters the most?
 - a. **Fighting and courage.**
 - b. Winning and losing.
 - c. Action vs. criticism.
 - d. Being unsure and afraid to fail.
4. Which two phrases support your answer to question 3?
 - a. “*...who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement.*”
 - b. “*...It is not the critic who counts... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena.*”
 - c. “***...who errs, who comes short again and again.***”
 - d. “***...because there is no effort without error and shortcoming...***”
5. The speech implies that
 - a. You should avoid trying things in case you might be criticized.
 - b. Great people rarely make mistakes.
 - c. Make sure you can do something before you try it.
 - d. **It is better to try and fail than not to try at all.**
6. When Roosevelt says that “*there is no effort without error and shortcoming*”, what does he mean should people do to succeed?
 - a. Be cautious about attempting things if you don’t know if they will be successful.
 - b. Give up on a goal after one setback.
 - c. Don’t try hard things.
 - d. **Work hard and keep trying if you don’t meet your goal.**
7. The primary purpose of the speech is
 - a. To attack political opponents.
 - b. To encourage caution so as to avoid mistakes.
 - c. **To inspire listeners to lead lives of courage and action.**
8. Roosevelt supposes that criticism is not helpful. Do you agree or do you think there are times it can be helpful?

