

Man in the Arena: Questions

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 two 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 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. You need to work hard and try again 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?

