



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2016 FOR RECRUITMENT TO  
POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Roll Number

<b>TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS</b>	<b>PART-I (MCQS)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 20</b>
<b>PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>PART-II</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS = 80</b>
<b>NOTE:(i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.</b>		
<b>(ii) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.</b>		
<b>(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.</b>		
<b>(iv) Candidate must write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.</b>		
<b>(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.</b>		
<b>(vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.</b>		

**PART-II**

**Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage in about 120 words and suggest a suitable title: (20)**

During my vacation last May, I had a hard time choosing a tour. Flights to Japan, Hong Kong and Australia are just too common. What I wanted was somewhere exciting and exotic, a place where I could be spared from the holiday tour crowds. I was so happy when John called up, suggesting a trip to Cherokee, a county in the state of Oklahoma. I agreed and went off with the preparation immediately.

We took a flight to Cherokee and visited a town called Qualla Boundary surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery, the town painted a paradise before us. With its Oconaluftee Indian Village reproducing tribal crafts and lifestyles of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the outdoor historical pageant *Unto These Hills* playing six times weekly in the summer nights, Qualla Boundary tries to present a brief image of the Cherokee past to the tourists.

Despite the language barrier, we managed to find our way to the souvenir shops with the help of the natives. The shops were filled with rubber tomahawks and colorful traditional war bonnets, made of dyed turkey feathers. Tepees, cone-shaped tents made from animal skin, were also pitched near the shops. "Welcome! Want to get anything?" We looked up and saw a middle-aged man smiling at us. We were very surprised by his fluent English. He introduced himself as George and we ended up chatting till lunch time when he invited us for lunch at a nearby coffee shop.

"Sometimes, I've to work from morning to sunset during the tour season. Anyway, this is still better off than being a woodcutter ..." Remembrance weighed heavy on George's mind and he went on to tell us that he used to cut firewood for a living but could hardly make ends meet. We learnt from him that the Cherokees do not depend solely on trade for survival. During the tour off-peak period, the tribe would have to try out other means for income. One of the successful ways is the "Bingo Weekend". On the Friday afternoons of the Bingo weekends, a large bingo hall was opened, attracting huge crowds of people to the various kinds of games like the Super Jackpot and the Warrior Game Special. According to George, these forms of entertainment fetch them great returns.

Our final stop in Qualla Boundary was at the museum where arts, ranging from the simple hand-woven oak baskets to wood and stone carvings of wolves, ravens and other symbols of Cherokee cosmology are displayed.

Back at home, I really missed the place and I would of course look forward to the next trip to another exotic place.

# "PRECIS 2016"

## TITLE: A Visit To Cherokee - Exploring Untold Stories

Author expressed his trouble while choosing an unprecedented place to visit during vacation.

Author acceded to his friend, John's idea of Cherokee - a county in Oklahoma. Thereupon, they landed and viewed Qualla Boundary - having heaven's outlook. "Oconaluftee Indian Village", represented 18<sup>th</sup> century's life style through pageant "Unto These Hills". Moreover, indigenious helped them to access memento shops - having cultural tomhawk and war bonnets. On reaching a retail outlet; George, the shopkeeper - adept in English - warmly welcomed them. They conceded his lunch offer. George elaborated his recent work - beneficial than the past one - a wood cutter. During journey they realized that inhabitants donot rely uprightly on unit source of income. A notion of

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Bingo Weekends — having games like Super Jackpot and warrior game special — provide access to huge income. However, their final destination was Cherokee's museum.

On return author missed and wished for another exotic tour.

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