

Précis (CSS-2016)

Title :- Cherokee : An Exotic Place to Visit

Last May, I wanted to go somewhere exotic so I happily accepted the John's suggestion of going to Cherokee, Oklahoma.

^{Heavenly} Qualla Boundary with its Oconaluftee Indian Village was truly depicting the past image of Cherokee to the tourists. The souvenir shop was full of mementos.

To our surprise, the amicable shop-keeper George could speak fluent English. He invited us for the lunch at a nearby shop. He told us that during the tour off-peak period, the Cherokees earn through other means.

"Bingo Weekend" is one of them. At last, we went to Museum, where we experienced symbolization of Cherokee's cosmology. I hope to visit exotic places like Cherokee in future.

Passage (CSS-2016)

Q1:

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

A:

Due to our unrealistic goals based on over ambition, most of us fail in our efforts of self improvement. Our goals do not match with our busy routine and in the end, we are left with unaccomplished tasks resulting in zero self improvement.

Q2:

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

A:

We get everyone's attention by announcing our resolution publically. When we become unable to fulfil our commitment we look foolish and irresponsible in front of others. So, one should not announce his/her resolution to everybody.

Q3:

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

A:

The writer had two new year resolutions. One of them was to do physical exercise every morning and the other one was to read more books in the evening. Due to overnight party on New Year's Eve, he gave himself a good excuse for one day off from those two resolutions on the first day of new year.

Q4:

Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following:

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| 1) | Intimidating | Formidable |
| 2) | Peril | Pitfall |
| 3) | Dwindle | Diminished |
| 4) | Repel | Wane |
| 5) | Barb | Tibe |

Translation into English. (CSS-2016)

Common people believe that laws of the country and freedom of an individual are contradictory to each other. Apparently, it does not feel wrong. Every law applies some restrictions on the citizens. More laws in the country resulted in more collective restrictions. Individual freedom gets suppressed under the burden of restrictions. Contrary to this, the scope of individual freedom becomes widened under few laws.
