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Central Superior Services Examination (CSS) 2018

Passage.

It is in the temperate countries of northern Europe, that the beneficial effects of cold are most manifest. A cold climate seems to stimulate energy by acting as an obstacle. In the face of an insuperable obstacle our energies are numbed by despair; the total absence of obstacles, on the other hand leaves no room for the exercise and training of energy; but a struggle against difficulties that we have a fair hope of over-coming, calls into active operation all our powers. In like manner, while intense cold numbs human energies, and a hot climate affords little motive for exertion, moderate cold seems to have a bracing effect on the human race. In a moderately cold climate man is engaged in an arduous, but no hopeless struggles and with the inclemency of the weather. He has to build strong houses and procure thick clothes to keep himself warm. To supply fuel for his fires, he must hew down trees and dig coal out of the earth. In the open air, unless he moves quickly, he will suffer pain from the biting wind. Finally, in order to replenish the expenditure of bodily tissue caused by his necessary exertions, he has to procure for himself plenty of nourishing food.

Quite different is the lot of man in the tropics. In the neighbourhood of the equator there is little need of clothes or fire, and it is possible with perfect comfort and no danger to health, to pass the livelong day stretched out on the bare ground beneath the shade of a tree. A very little fruit or vegetable food is required to sustain life under such circumstances, and that little can be obtained without much exertion from the bounteous earth.

We may recognize must the same difference between ourselves at different seasons of the year, as there is between human nature in the tropics and in temperate climes. In hot weather we are generally languid and inclined to take life easily; but when the cold season comes, we find that we are more inclined to vigorous exertion of our minds and bodies.

## Final Draft

Winters make one<sup>to</sup> toil, and summers make one lazy

The writer thinks that, temperate countries of northern Europe are most indicative of cold weather's benefits. Obstacle of cold climate makes man to work hard. If weather is too harsh, it numbs man's energy, on the other hand man becomes ~~casu~~ lazy in absence of hurdles like in warm regions, but in moderately cold region man has to work very hard to get basic provisions like food, shelter and clothes despite all the effects of cold weather. However in warm regions, man is complacent as all these facilities are easily available. Writer says we human beings <sup>most</sup> also change as weather changes as majority is lazy and casual in summer season, while in winter we are more inclined towards hardwork. (116)

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## Central Superior Services Examination (CSS) 2016

## Passage.

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 18th 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.

During, off-season A festival named "Warrior Bingo" that brings revenue along entertainment  
Oconaluftee

The last destination was a museum that displayed specimen related Cherokee cosmology. The writer enjoyed his trip and is now looking forward to his next trip to a new exotic place

## Final Draft

A Trip to Cherokee (Titled with Marker)

Last year, author was unable to decide his vacation destination, as he wanted to visit exotic place and <sup>to</sup> avoid crowded places.

Finally, on his friend's suggestion he

visited Oklahoma's county Cherokee. There

he visited scenic town of Qualla Boundary

surrounded by mountains. The Ocranaluttee

village was still maintaining its Indian

traditions from 18th century. The writer

had a warm conversation with George,

owner of a souvenir shop who could

speak English. This made author realized

that Cherokee people did not depend on single

profession for earnings. In off-peak season

they would hold festival bringing money and

entertainment. In the end author visited

the museum where different artifacts were

displayed. He enjoyed this trip very much and

now he is looking forward to his next trip  
to a new place.