



FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION – 2016 FOR RECRUITMENT TO
POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

<u>Roll Number</u>

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

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 expensive. I finally decided to go to the United States. I had heard that the country was full of beautiful places and I was not in a crowd. I was so happy when John called up, suggesting a trip to Cherokee, a county in the state of Oklahoma. I agreed to go with him and we made our reservation immediately.

We took a flight to Cherokee and visited a town called Qualla Boundary surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery. The town had a park-like atmosphere. It was a beautiful village reproducing tribal crafts and lifestyles of the 18th century. The outdoor historical museum *Ulaya* is 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, conical tents made of animal skins, were set up 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 he had been working in the Cherokee area for many years. "I've been here since 1980. I've been a woodcutter for 15 years. 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 the tourists 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.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

The New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and don'ts'. The same old favorites recur year in and year out with the children. do a thousand and one job about the

title is supposed to be simple

An Indelible Excursion.

In a bid to visit an enquisite place with a content aura, and upon suggestion of John, we headed towards Cherokee. We took a flight and went to Swalla, town of Cherokee. Swalla reflected an era of 18th century with tribal settings, circumferenced by pleasant mountains.

Despite of being aloof of their language, aboriginals guided us the way to shops. Beside tents made with animal skin, we witnessed cultural war fronts.

Instantly, an aged English man, George, greeted us and offered us lunch. He

reiterated his poverty-stricken phase of life being a woodcutter. He further acquainted us with that the economy of cherolces is not trade-oriented,

by it collects revenues by introducing entertaining ventures like Bongo weekend. Lastly, in museum, we

came accross abundance of artifacts - reflecting utmost dexterity. I'm optimistic to visit such an amusing place in the future.

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