

Precis: 2016 (CSS)

Title:

"A Memorable Trip
to Cherokee"

Precis:

According to the writer, he made a fantastic trip to Cherokee, suggested by his friend, 'John'. They also visited a tourist hub, 'Qualla Boundary'. They met 'George' who was good in English and he told them his struggle to earn his living. He ~~is~~ told them about his difficult times when he had to work as a woodcutter also. So, they came to know that tourism is not the only source of livelihood in Cherokee. 'Bingo Weekend' helps in the survival of

life. They also visited a museum in Qualla Boundary where the art of Cherokee was displayed. All of them look forward to another amazing and chaotic place.

Comprehension Cse 2016

Q-1 Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?

Ans, Most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement because human beings have a lot of aspirations and desires. An unlimited and never-ending list of desires put a lot of pressure on human beings and divert them. This dilemma turn the focus of ourselves away and we become unable to

DATE: _____
Complete even a single
desire.

Q.2 Why is it a basic mistake
to announce our resolution
to everybody?

Ans. To announce our resolution
to everybody is a basic
mistake in a number of
ways. First of all, the people
expect that we will perform
in a good way. As they
always keep on splitting
the hairs and due to
their embarrassing reactions, discourage
us. If we keep our
resolutions to ourselves, we
remain more focused and
enthusiastic enough to
achieve our aspirations.

Q.3 Why did the writer not
carry out his resolution
to everybody? on New Year's Day?

The writer did not carry
out his resolution to

on New Year's Day because
 of the overnight party.
 This party proved a
 great hinderance in
 carrying out his desires
 and ambitions. So, he gave
 up one of his resolutions i.e. exercising.

Q.7

Intimidating — formidable

Peril — pitfall

dwindle — diminished

repel — fend off

barb — jibe

Q: NO. 4 (b)

"It isn't fair!" shouted Ma^th. Coach Lewis never lets me start the game!"

Maureen's three sisters Molly, Shannon and Patricia are all spending the summer at their grandmother's beach house.

For the centerpieces, the florist recommended the following flowers: daisies, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.

Lily is an accomplished gymnast; she won three medals in her last competition.

Everyone was shocked when Max Smithfield—a studious, extremely bright high

School senior - decided that college was not for him.

Q: NO. 5 (b)

When Helen asked Mr. West what had happened to John, Mr. West replied that he had left the company. Helen asked him why he had done that, Mr. West replied that he had asked him for a rise but he had not given it to him. Helen asked him the reason for not doing so and Mr. West blamed him to be a lazy person. Then Helen asked if ~~he~~ John had found another job and Mr. West replied in the affirmative, saying that he was working in a film company. Helen ^{then} asked Mr. West about John's salary and if he liked the new job, Mr. West replied that he thought that he earned ~~well~~ a lot but he did not know whether John liked the job or not.

**FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BS-17 UNDER THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)**

Roll Number

PART-I (MCQS) MAXIMUM MARKS = 20

PART-II MAXIMUM MARKS = 80

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

PART-II
Write a précis of the following passage In about 120 words and suggest a suitable
(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. 18th Century and the outdoor historical pageant Unto These Hills Indian Village reproducing tribal crafts and lifestyles of the 18 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 in 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 of 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.

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 do a thousand and one job about the house, have nice...

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drive carefully and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out eight of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I fended off the taunts and jibes of the family good humoredly and soon everybody got used to the idea. However, my enthusiasm waned, the time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th I was back to where I had started from, I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning. I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotizing effect of television, I sat in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps it will solve my problem but I just have not had time to read it.

Questions:

1. Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement? (5)
2. Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody? (5)
3. Why did the writer not carry out his resolution on New Year's Day? (5)
4. Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the following: (5)

- (1) intimidating (2) peril (3) dwindle (4) repel (5) barb (5)

Q. 4. (a) Correct only FIVE of the following:

- (i) We were staying at my sister's cape's code vacation home.
- (ii) She recommended me that I take a few days off from work.
- (iii) I tried to explain him the problem, but he had difficulty understanding me.
- (iv) I'll do the grocery shopping for you grandma Lucy said.
- (v) We took a tent, a cooler, and a sleeping bag.
- (vi) I don't know why you didn't go. If I were you, I should have gone.
- (vii) Kevin says he stopped to travel internationally because of his family.
- (viii) Don't run! Mr. Salman shouted.

(b) Choose the punctuation mark that is needed in each of the following sentences: (5)

- (i) "It isn't fair!" shouted Martin Coach Lewis never lets me start the game!
- (ii) Maureen's three sisters, Molly, Shannon, and Patricia are all spending the summer at their grandmother's beach house.
- (iii) For the centerpieces, the florist recommended the following flowers daisies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths.
- (iv) Lily is an accomplished gymnast she won three medals in her last competition.
- (v) Everyone was shocked when Max Smithfield - a studious, extremely bright high school senior decided that college was not for him.

- Choose the analogy of the words written in capital letters (Any five). (5)
- CAUSTIC : LAUGHTER
 - Fallacy : Disney
 - Genre : Mystery
 - Satire : Anger
 - Honor : Fear
 - PROFESSOR : ERUDITE
 - Aviator : Licensee
 - Inventor : Imaginative
 - Procrastinator : Conscientious
 - Overseer : Wealthy
 - CLANDESTINE
 - Accountant : Meticulous
 - Furrier : Rambunctious
 - Lawyer : Ironic
 - Shepherd : Gamulous
 - DELTOID : MUSCLE
 - Radius : Bone
 - Brain : Nerve
 - Tissue : Organ
 - Blood : Vein

- (i) CONVICTION : INCARCERATION
 - (a) Reduction : Diminution
 - (b) Induction : Amelioration
 - (c) Radicalization : Estimation
 - (d) Marginalization : Intimidation
- (iv) METAPHOR : SYMBOL
 - (a) Pentameter : Poem
 - (b) Rhythm : Melody
 - (c) Nuance : Song
 - (d) Analogy Comparison
- (vi) VERVE : ENTHUSIASM
 - (a) Loyalty : Duplicity
 - (b) Devotion : Reverence
 - (c) Intensity : Colour
 - (d) Eminence : Anonymity
- (viii) DEPENDABLE : CAPRICIOUS
 - (a) Fallible : Cantankerous
 - (b) Erasable : Obtuse
 - (c) Malleable : Limpid
 - (d) Capable : Inept

2) Rewrite the following dialogue, written in indirect speech, in a paragraph form. (5)

Helen: Mr. West, what's happened to John?
 Mr. West: He's left the company
 Helen: Why has he done that?
 Mr. West: He asked me for a rise but I didn't give it to him.
 Helen: Why didn't you give him a rise?
 Mr. West: Because he was lazy.
 Helen: Has he found another job?
 Mr. West: Yes, he is working in a film company.
 Helen: What is his salary like?
 Mr. West: I think he earns quite a lot.
 Helen: Does he like the new Job?
 Mr. West: I don't know.

3(a) Explain the difference between the following word pairs by using each word in your own sentences (any five): (5)

- (i) Adverse, averse
- (iii) allude, elude
- (v) curb, kerb
- (vii) maybe, may be
- (ii) altogether, all together
- (iv) braise, braze
- (vi) faze, phase
- (viii) moat, mote

(b) Use any FIVE of the in sentences which illustrate their meaning: (5)

- (i) Smash hit
- (iii) Place in the Sun
- (v) Go bananas
- (vii) Groan inwardly
- (ii) Murphy's law
- (iv) Wooden spoon
- (vi) Beard the Lion in his den
- (viii) Chicken out

7. Translate the following Urdu paragraph into English by keeping in view figurative/ Idiomatc expression. (10)

عام لوگوں کا خیال ہے کہ ملک کے قانون اور فرد کی آزادی ایک دوسرے کی ضد ہوتے ہیں۔ بظاہر یہ بات غلط نہیں ہوتی۔ ہر قانون شہریوں پر کوئی نہ کوئی پابندی عائد ہے۔ اگر ملک میں قوانین کی تعداد زیادہ ہو تو جمہوری پابندیاں بھی زیادہ ہوتی ہیں۔ زیادہ پابندیوں سے فرد کی آزادی ان کے بوجھ سے دب کر رہ جاتی ہے۔ اس کے برعکس قوانین کی تعداد کم ہو تو شہریوں کی آزادی کا دائرہ وسیع ہوتا ہے۔