



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

Roll Number

ENGLISH (PRECIS & COMPOSITION)

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 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. ⁸⁶

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)

~~Title: Let's Go~~ Cherokee: A Heaven on Earth

Last May, the writer had difficulty in choosing a peaceful yet exotic tourist-destination. John suggested him to visit Cherokee, a country of Oklahoma. They ~~took~~ a flight and arrived at Qualla Boundary, which ~~was~~ rich in natural and cultural beauty. Despite the language barriers they managed to find the souvenir shops. ~~These~~ A native George greeted them in English and invited them for lunch. George told them about his tough routine. ~~but he was happy.~~ He further added that his tribe would ~~have to~~ organize bingo weekend where different games attracted the tourists. This ~~would~~ games them business in off season. Finally, ~~the~~ they ~~writes~~ and ~~John~~ visited the museum, full of amazing artifacts. The writer missed his trip and desired for another one.

be precise and to the point no need to explain the detailed event

need improvement in basics

word count is missing too

7/20

title is not written in a casual words

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1. The older the wine, better it tastes
The older the wine, the better it tastes.
2. You can not cross the bridge until you do not come it
You can not cross the bridge until you come to it.
3. He asked me what was my profession.
He asked me what my profession ^{was}.
4. Give me a pencil to write
Give me a pencil to write with.
5. Netaji is one of the bravest patriot of the country.
Netaji is one of the bravest patriots of the country.
6. I met an one-eyed beggar in the street
I met a one-eyed beggar in the street.
7. The traders dealing with garments are jittery about the impact of GST.
The traders dealing in garments are jittery about the impact of GST.
8. His efficiency soon made him the boss's blue-eyes boy.
His efficiency soon made him the boss's blue-eyed boy.

9- She does not know cooking, doesn't she?
She does not know cooking. Does she?

10- No sooner the bell rang than the children
rushed out of their classrooms.

No sooner had the bell rung than the children
rushed out of their classrooms.

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1. Let us ring in the new year with gaiety.
2. The quarrel was unnecessary as they were making a mountain out of a molehill.
3. The custom of sati was done away with during the British period.
4. One should not always blow one's own trumpet.
5. I cried myself loudly to make him hear.