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# Degree of Comparison - Kinds of words Test Paper 9

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1. The time allowed is 20 minutes for 40 questions.
2. Each question carries 1 Mark.
3. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself. No separate answer sheet is provided.
4. Examples for marking the answers are provided for each type of question.
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6. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one. Make sure that your final answer is clear.

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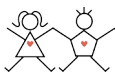


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## SECTION A

Please choose the correct answer from the options given. There is only one correct answer for each question.

**1** There are three degrees of comparison. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. Positive degree
- B. Superlative degree
- C. Negative degree
- D. Comparative degree

**2** Is the following statement true or false?  
*The degrees of comparison can only be applied to adjectives.*

- A. True
- B. False

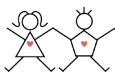
**3** Is the following statement true or false?  
*Comparatives are always made by adding the suffix '-er'.*

- A. True
- B. False

**4** Is the following statement true or false?  
*Superlatives can be created with the suffix '-est'.*

- A. True
- B. False





**5 Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. Double comparatives can be used to create emphasis.
- B. When comparing two things, the superlative degree should be used.
- C. All adjectives can be turned into comparatives.
- D. The superlative degree is used when comparing three or more things.

**6 Is the following superlative correctly formed?  
'the most funnest'**

- A. Correct
- B. Incorrect

**7 Is the following statement true or false?**

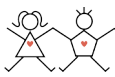
*When an adjective ends in '-y', its comparative form swaps the 'y' for an 'i'.*

- A. True
- B. False

**8 Which of the following is an incorrectly formed comparative?**

- A. most wonderful
- B. easier
- C. the worst
- D. carefuller





## SECTION B

Please choose the correct answer from the options given. There is only one correct answer for each question.

**9** Which degree of comparison is being used in the following sentence?  
'It was very misty outside this morning.'

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None

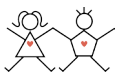
**10** Which word or phrase is the superlative in the following sentence?  
'Allison was the fastest, and came first in the egg-and-spoon race at the Easter fete.'

- A. fastest
- B. first
- C. egg-and-spoon
- D. at
- E. the Easter

**11** Which of the following sentences contains an incorrectly formed comparative adjective?

- A. The uglier of the two cygnets turned into the more beautiful swan.
- B. It tastes even more awful without ketchup.
- C. This year's New Year's Eve fireworks will be even crazier than last year's.
- D. The tastier of the two dishes was definitely the cheesecake!
- E. Kayley has one older brother and one younger brother.





**12** Which word or phrase is in the positive degree of comparison in the following sentence?  
'Kathleen ate her sandwich quickly, as it was the most delicious thing she had eaten in days.'

- A. ate
- B. quickly
- C. most delicious
- D. the most
- E. eaten

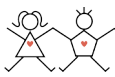
**13** Which of the following options is not a superlative adjective?

- A. the most beautiful
- B. the happiest
- C. shortest
- D. more comfortable
- E. least

**14** Which of the following sentences does not contain a comparative?

- A. I walked a little further today, so that I could go to the bigger shop and buy my favourite soup for lunch.
- B. I didn't want to be rude, so I ate the entire steak despite being vegetarian... I even accepted when I was offered more!
- C. I find the high ropes scarier than the zipwire – they just seem more dangerous!
- D. On my desk I have all of the essential items: sticky notes, notepads, coasters, and the most pens you'll ever see in one pot!





**15 Which of the following sentences includes a comparative adverb?**

- A. I intend to finish the marathon in at least third place.
- B. My main goal is, at some point over the next five years, to come in first place in the Southampton marathon.
- C. I trained extra hard for this year's marathon, as I wanted to run it even faster than last time.
- D. If you finish the race quickly, you can beat the rush of traffic from all of the other finishers!

**16 Which of the following adjectives is incorrect in its degree of comparison?**

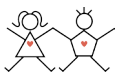
- A. The funniest
- B. More unique
- C. The most recent
- D. The most terrible
- E. All of the above are correct

**17 Which degree of comparison is being used in the following sentence?**

**'In the middle of Battersea park, near the river, you can find some of the best Christmas trees in the city.'**

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None





**18 Which of the following sentences uses the positive degree of comparison?**

- A. Alexander sent Sophie roses – they were the deepest, most beautiful red Sophie had ever seen.
- B. Hugo settled in for the evening: cuddled up in a warm blanket, watching TV, and eating delicious chocolates.
- C. Lorenzo played football every Saturday; he was much more into sport than the others.
- D. None of the above

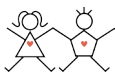
**19 Which word or phrase is the superlative in the following sentence?**  
**'Rhonda told Aaron: "Always drink at least 8 glasses of water per day."'**

- A. always
- B. least
- C. water
- D. per day
- E. There is no superlative

**20 How many comparatives are used in the following sentence?**  
**'The couple went for a pedalo ride on the river – they loved being on the water, but it was quite a lot of effort!'**

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4





**21** What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?  
**'Lara's cat is called Lola; she is the neediest cat in the world!'**

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None

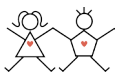
**22** Complete the following sentence using the appropriate degree of comparison:  
**'They say black cats are unlucky, but I think that's just \_\_\_\_\_ superstition.'**

- A. silly
- B. sillier
- C. silliest
- D. more silly
- E. the most silly

**23** What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?  
**'When I went for a run today, I ran a very fast mile – a new personal best!'**

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. Positive and superlative
- E. Comparative and superlative





**24** How many comparatives are used in the following sentences?

'As the days go by, I miss my Mum more and more. We spend so much time together when I'm at home, that I get more homesick than most when I'm away!'

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

**25** Which of the following words is incorrect in its degree of comparison?

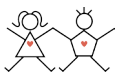
- A. the safest
- B. bolder
- C. the deadeast
- D. the sweetest
- E. All of the above are correct

**26** Complete the following sentence using the appropriate degree of comparison:

'Out of the two of us, I am definitely the \_\_\_\_\_ one.'

- A. musical
- B. musicaler
- C. musicalest
- D. most musical
- E. more musical





**27** Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate degree of comparison:

**'For my birthday, my mum gifted me a record with my favourite album on it. It was a slightly \_\_\_\_\_ gift though, as I don't have a record player!'**

- A. pointless
- B. pointlesser
- C. pointlessest
- D. more pointless
- E. the most pointless

**28** What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?

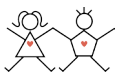
**'Martyna decided to leave university to pursue a career in the Arts.'**

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None

**29** Which of the following phrases is incorrect?

- A. the greatest
- B. the most exciting
- C. more nerve-wracking
- D. more hungrier
- E. All of the above are correct





**30 Which of the following sentences does *not* contain a superlative adjective?**

- A. Ray picked the sweetest apple in the fruit bowl and took a big bite.
- B. The greenhouse at the garden centre was the hottest and most humid room in which Elia had ever been.
- C. Though it was bright red and shiny, Cara's apple turned out to be the bitterest apple she'd ever eaten.
- D. Between my brother and me, I am inarguably the better sailor.
- E. All of the above contain superlative adjectives

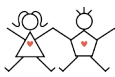
**31 Which of the following words is a correct comparative?**

- A. more difficult
- B. difficulter
- C. trickyer
- D. more harder
- E. arduouslier

**32 Which of the following options is an incorrect superlative?**

- A. most easy
- B. least complicated
- C. simplest
- D. most straightforward
- E. most facile





**33 Which of the following sentences features a comparative adverb?**

- A. My oldest brother was the first to leave home and live alone.
- B. My younger brother still lives with my parents.
- C. When I moved house, I did so more easily than my brother – as I live near home.
- D. My mum moved out of her parents' house when she was only eighteen!
- E. None of the above feature a comparative adverb

**34 How many superlatives are featured in the following sentence?**

**'All of my family are runners – my uncle is the best at long distance, but my brother is probably the fastest.'**

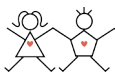
- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

**35 What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?**

**'When I am older, I want to work for a charity that helps the homeless.'**

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None





**36 Which of the following sentences contains a superlative?**

- A. On my bedside table, I have framed my favourite photo of my family.
- B. I used to stick photos all over my walls, but now I have a more minimalist approach.
- C. The frame is white.
- D. The best part about the photo is the fact that my Dad is grinning so widely.
- E. It always helps to look at the photo by my bedside when I am missing my family.

**37 What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?**

**'After the year we've had, I am very excited to get a fresh start in the new one.'**

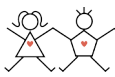
- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None

**38 Which word or phrase is the comparative from the following sentence?**

**'Salvador Dalí was a surrealist artist – in my opinion, he was the best of his generation. I definitely like him better than René Magritte.'**

- A. surrealist
- B. best
- C. definitely
- D. better
- E. There is no comparative





**39** Which word or phrase is the superlative in the following sentence?  
'When it comes to jazz, Miles Davis is the staple musician that everyone must know.'

- A. jazz
- B. the staple
- C. musician
- D. must
- E. There is no superlative

**40** What degree of comparison is used in the following sentence?  
'Yoga is my preferred method of relaxation – it quietens my mind and body, whereas other exercises are more purely physical.'

- A. Positive and comparative
- B. Positive and superlative
- C. Comparative
- D. Comparative and superlative
- E. None



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