[1] equality inequality

scalar *Kim is as old as Pat. Kim is older than Pat*.

non-scalar *I took the same bus as last time. I took a different bus from last time.*

[2] equality *as heavy as as careful as*

inequality ( **superiority** *heavier than more careful than*

**( inferiority** *less heavy than less careful than*

[3] i *Jill is as clever as Liz.* [Jill may be cleverer]

ii *Jill isn't as clever as Liz.* [Jill must be less clever]

[4] i *She ran faster than anyone had expected.* [scalar inequality]

ii *She ran as fast as she had ever run before.* [scalar equality]

iii *It was different from anything I'd ever seen before.* [non-scalar inequality]

iv \**It was the same as anything I'd ever seen before.* [non-scalar equality]

[5] i a. *Ed is more tolerant than he used to be.* ) [term comparison]

b. *Kim's version is much superior to Pat's.* )

ii a. *Ed made the most mistakes of them all.* ) [set comparison]

b. *It sold for the highest price ever paid for a Cézanne.* )

[6] i *Ed was pretty difficult in those days, but now he's more tolerant.*

ii *Pat's version is rather pedestrian: Kim's is far superior.*

iii *They have moved house four times in as many years.*

[7] i *Ed made more mistakes than all the others.*

ii *It sold for a higher price than had ever been paid for a Cézanne before.*

[11] i *Jill is taller than her twin sister.* [term comparison]

ii *Jill is the taller of the twins.* [set comparison]

[12] i *We performed more satisfactorily than we did last year.* [comparative clause]

ii *This year's performance was superior to last year's.* [other form (NP)]

[13] i bare comparative complement *we did last year last year's*

ii expanded comparative complement *than we did last year to last year's*

[14] equality inequality

scalar *as than*, *to*

non-scalar *as*, *to*, *with*  *than*, *to*, *from*

[15] scalar equality

i + + *as ... as*, *so ... as*, *such ... as*

ii + *same as*, *such as*, *similar to*, *equal to*/*with*, *identical to*/*with*

iii + *er than*, *more than*, *less than*, *rather than*, *prefer ... to*/*than*, *superior to*, *inferior to*

iv *other than*, *else than*, *differ from*, *different from*/*to*/*than*, *dissimilar to*/*from*

[16] i *It wasn't as expensive as she had expected.*

ii *It was reasonably cheap, as she had expected.*

[17] *This may be a more serious problem than you think.*

[18] i *He took out* [*a bigger loan than was necessary*]*.* [post-head]

ii *She's* [*more experienced in these matters than I am*]*.* [postposed in phrase]

iii [*More people*] *attended the meeting than ever before.* [postposed in clause]

iv *He chose Kim,* *than whom no one could be* [*more suitable*]*.* [preposed]

v *They've achieved* [*a better than expected result*]*.* [pre-head]

vi [*More people*] *oppose than support* *the proposed*

*office reorganisation.* [before delayed right constituent]

[19] i *He knew more about Paris than any of his friends.* [postposing preferred]

ii *It is better to tell her now than to wait till after the exam.* [postposing required]

[1] i *It was better* [*than I had expected*]*.* [scalar inequality]

ii *It wasn't as good* [*as I had expected*]*.* [scalar equality]

iii *It was excellent, as*/%*like* *I had expected.* [non-scalar equality]

iv %*It wasn't much different* *than I had expected.* [non-scalar inequality]

[2] i *It was better* [*than I had expected*]*.* [variable–variable comparison]

ii *I stayed longer* [*than six weeks*]*.* [variable–constant comparison]

iii *Sue is just like her mother.* [constant–constant comparison]

[3] i *Spain's financial problems were less acute than were those of Portugal.*

ii \**The water seems significantly colder today than was it yesterday.*

iii *It is no more expensive than would be the system you are proposing.*

iv \**It is no more expensive than would the system you are proposing be.*

v \**He works harder than works his father.*

[4] i *The swimming-pool is as deep as* [*it is \_\_ wide*]*.*

ii \**The swimming pool is as deep as* [*it is very / quite / two metres wide*]*.*

[5] i *She is older than* [*I am \_\_*]*.*

ii *She went to the same school as* [*I went to \_\_*]*.*

[6] i \**She is older than* [*I am so old*]*.*

ii \**She went to the same school as* [*I went to the school*]*.*

[7] i *She wrote more plays than* [*her husband wrote \_\_ novels*]*.*

ii *You couldn't be a worse polo-player than* [*you are a \_\_ singer*]*.*

iii *He is more afraid of her than* [*she is \_\_ of him*]*.*

iv *There is no more reason to invite him than* [*there was \_\_ to invite her*]*.*

[8] i *She is right more often than* [*the others are \_\_*]*.*

ii *I didn't enjoy the concert as much as* [*Kim had \_\_*]*.*

iii *I don't hear from my brother as often as* [*I used to \_\_*]*.*

iv *She can get through more work in an hour than* [*I can \_\_ in a day*]*.*

[9] i *She is right and the others are \_\_ too.*

ii *I can't get through that much work in an hour, but I can \_\_ in a day.*

[10] i \**I didn't enjoy the concert as much as* [*Kim had enjoyed \_\_*]*.*

ii \**Kim enjoyed the concert and I enjoyed \_\_ too.*

[11] i *I get it wrong more often than* [*she does*]*.*

ii *We treat our apprentices better than* [*they do their career employees*]*.*

[12] i %*We must attend to it more closely than* [*people have usually done*]*.*

ii %*We must attend to it more closely than* [*has usually been done*]*.*

[13] i *The matter was more serious than* [*we had expected \_\_*]*.*

ii *More faults had been detected than* [*he was willing to admit \_\_*]*.*

iii *They finished the job earlier than* [*\_\_* (*had been*) *expected*]*.*

iv *The difficulties are even greater than* [*\_\_ appears at first sight*]*.*

[14] *acknowledge* *admit* aux *allow* *anticipate* aux *appear*

*assume* aux *believe* *dream*  *expect* aux *hope*

*imagine* *imply* *indicate* aux *intend* aux *justify*

*like* *plan* aux *predict* aux *realise* aux *recognise*

*remember* *require* aux *schedule* aux *show* aux *suggest*

*suppose* *suspect* *think* aux *warrant* *wish*

[15] i *The draft had more mistakes in it than I had realised.*

ii *I had realised that the draft had five mistakes in it.*

[16] i *Don't spend any longer on it than* [*\_\_* (*is*) *necessary*]*.*

ii *The score is higher than* [*\_\_ would have been the case if no one had cheated*]*.*

iii *The danger may be greater than* [*any of us is aware* (*of*) *\_\_*]*.*

[17]  *acceptable aware justifiable necessary* v *normal* v

*polite possible* v *usual* v *the case one's habit*

[18] i *Max didn't love Jill as much as* [*she \_\_ him*]*.*

ii *He didn't send as many postcards to his friends as* [*\_\_ letters to his mother*]*.*

[19] i *Max loved Jill and she \_\_ him.*

ii *He sent postcards to his friends and \_\_ letters to his mother.*

[20] i *We spend more time in France than* [*\_\_ in Germany*]*.* [PP]

ii *He seems to play better drunk than* [*\_\_ sober*]*.* [AdjP]

iii *More believed that it was genuine than* [*\_\_ that it was a hoax*]*.* [content clause]

iv *It is better to try and fail than* [*\_\_ not to try at all*]*.* [infinitival clause]

v *Sue phoned Angela more often than* [(*\_\_*) *Jill* (*\_\_*)]*.* [NP]

vi *He has more enemies than* [*\_\_ friends*]*.* [nominal]

[21] subject non-subject

i a. *She is older than* [*I \_\_*]*.* b. \**The decision affected Kim more than* [*\_\_ I*]*.*

ii a. *She is older than* [*me \_\_*]*.* b. *The decision affected Kim more than* [*\_\_ me*]*.*

[22] i *More people came than* [*\_\_ were invited*]*.* [counterpart to comparative phrase]

ii *He spent longer on it than* [*\_\_ seemed necessary*]*.* [embedded clause]

iii \**Jill works harder than* [*\_\_ worked*/*did last year*]*.*

[23] *Bob is as generous as Jill.* [reduced clause or immediate complement?]

[24] a. PP b. PP

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*as Jill as Jill*

[25] *I saw him as recently as Monday. It is longer than a foot.* *He's inviting more people than just us.* *He's poorer than poor.* *Sue deals with matters such as sales. I saw no one other than Bob*.

[26] i a. *I'm more confident that Kim will support us than that Pat will.*

b. \**I'd prefer that Kim supported us to that Pat did.*

ii a. *It is more important to do it well than to do it quickly.*

b. \**To do it well is different from to do it quickly.*

[27] i *He has more enemies than \_\_ friends.* (=[20vi])

ii *He'll have no one voting for him except friends.*

[28] i a. *Bob is as generous as Jill.* b. *Bob is as generous as Jill is.*

ii a. *I enjoyed it more than the film.* b. *I enjoyed it more than I enjoyed the film.*

[29] i *In a country as rich as Australia there should be no poverty.*

ii *He won't waste his hard-earned dollars on something as frivolous as exercise.*

iii *Criticism is as old as literary art.*

iv *Your guess is as good as mine.*

v *The field was as flat as a pancake.*

vi *He looks as fit as a fiddle.*

[30] i *Sue phoned Angela before Jill.*

ii *Sue phoned Angela more often than Jill.* (=[20v])

[31] i *It was decided by Judge Darwin, than whom no one could be more impartial.*

ii  ?*How many of them do you regard yourself as better than?*

[32] *He married a woman fifteen years younger than him*/*himself.*

[33] i *She apparently liked it more than what we gave her.*

ii %*She apparently liked it more than what we did.*

[34] i *She's as fit as* [*she is \_\_*] *because she does so much swimming.*

ii *More people came to the show than* [*we could find seats for \_\_*]*.*

[35] i *There were more boys in the class than* [(*there were*) *girls*]*.*

ii *Jill spends more time in London than* [(*she does*) *at home*]*.*

[36] i *There were more boys in IB than* [(*there were*) *girls in IC*]*.*

ii *Kim lost more at the races in one day than* [*I earned at my job in a year*]*.*

[37] i *The trains arrive on time more often than* [*they do in England*]*.*

ii *It tastes better than* [*it does with sugar in*]*.*

[38] i *It is better than* [*it was*]*.*

ii *It wasn't as good as* [*it is now*]*.*

[39] i *Jill thinks Max is better off than* [*she is*]*.* [narrow scope]

ii *Jill thinks Max is better off than* [*he is*]*.* [wide scope]

[40] i *His motor-bike was more powerful than my car had been \_\_.*

ii \**He had a more powerful motor-bike than my car had been \_\_.*

iii *He had a more powerful motor-bike than I had had \_\_* / *than mine had been \_\_.*

[41] i *She spoke more persuasively than her father had \_\_*.

ii *He was more conspicuously shy than Max was \_\_.*

iii \**He was more conspicuously shy than Max leered \_\_ at Jill.*

iv *This is a more carefully researched article than I have read \_\_ this semester.*

v \**This is a more carefully researched article than his book was \_\_*.

[42] i \**He had a more powerful motor-bike than my car had been \_\_*. [attributive]

ii *He had a motor-bike more powerful than my car had been \_\_.* [postpositive]

[43] i *He lectured on more topics than \_\_ were included in the syllabus.*

ii *He lectured on more topics than I had lectured on \_\_* / \**than I had lectured \_\_*.

iii *He returned to us in a far less buoyant frame of mind than he had left us \_\_*.

[44] i *They would have us face risks greater than President Kennedy's most influential advisers seem disposed to face \_\_*.

ii *He made tables of veins, nerves and arteries five times more exact than \_\_ are described by any contemporary author.*

[45] i *This result is better than \_\_ would probably be achieved by a vaccination policy.*

ii *The price was higher than he wished to pay \_\_*.

iii *When children start school they tend to get books that aren't as rewarding as they've had \_\_.*

iv *The eastward movement of the Atlantic thermal ridge was forecast to be a little less than \_\_ actually occurred.*

[1] i *Ed is older than his brother.* ) [ordinary comparison]

ii *Ed is older than middle-aged.* )

iii *Ed is more old than middle-aged.* [metalinguistic comparison]

[2] i *The office of Lord High Commissioner is now more ornamental than functional.*

ii *The buds were more red than pink.*

iii *He was more dead than alive.*

iv *It was more an error of judgement than a case of negligence.*

v *She had spoken more in sorrow than in anger.*

[3] i *He's old rather than middle-aged.*

ii *He's not so much stupid as lazy.*

[1] plain comparative superlative

i adjective *tall taller tallest*

ii adverb *soon sooner soonest*

[2] inflectional comparative analytic comparative

i a. *This is shorter than that.* b. \**This is more*a *short than that.*

ii a. \**This is porouser than that.* b. *This is more*a *porous than that.*

iii a. *This is commoner than that.* b. *This is more*a *common than that.*

[3] plain form inflectional comparative

i a. *Did it cause much trouble?* b. *Did it cause more*i *trouble than last time?*

ii a. *Many people complained.* b. *More*i *people complained than last time.*

[4] plain comparative superlative

determinative *much*/*many more*i *most*

[5] superiority inferiority

i a. *This is taller than that.* b. *This is less*a *tall than that.*

ii a. *This is more*a *porous than that.* b. *This is less*a *porous than that.*

[6] plain form inflectional comparative

a. *We have little money.* b. *We have less*i *money than we need.*

[7] i equality *I'm as strong as Ed. I'm as tactful as Ed.*

ii superiority *I'm stronger than Ed. I'm more*a *tactful than Ed.*

iii inferiority *I'm less*a *strong than Ed. I'm less*a *tactful than Ed.*

[8] positive orientation negative orientation

i equality *I've as much tea as Ed. I've as little tea as Ed.*

ii superiority *I've more*i *tea than Ed. I've less*i *tea than Ed.*

[9] i a. *Kim has more*i *money than Pat.* b. *Pat has less*i *money than Kim.* [a=b]

ii a. *Kim has as much money as Pat.* b. *Pat has as little money as Kim.* [a≠b]

[10] i a. *Kim is older than Pat.* b. *Pat is younger than Kim.*

ii a. *Yours is better than mine.* b. *Mine is worse than yours.*

iii a. *Monday was hotter than Tuesday.* b. *Tuesday was colder than Monday.*

[11] i a. *Kim is older than Pat.* b. *Pat is less old than Kim.*

ii a. *Yours is better than mine.* b. *Mine is less good than yours.*

iii a. *Monday was hotter than Tuesday.* b. *Tuesday was less hot than Monday.*

[12] i *The first problem was less difficult than the second.*

ii *The first problem was not as difficult as the second.* [equivalent to [i]]

iii *The first problem was easier than the second.* ) [entailed by [i]]

iv *The second problem was more difficult than the first.* )

[13] i *Is Soviet influence throughout the world greater or less than it was ten years ago?*

ii *They can employ apprentices provided they pay rates which are not less than those of the other workers.*

iii *They too had felt the influence of Christianity to a greater or less extent.*

[14] i *They too had felt the influence of Christianity to a greater or lesser extent.*

ii *We think this is a lesser risk than taking no action at all.*

iii *a lesser man*/*journal*

[15] positive orientation negative orientation

i equality *I've as many shirts as Ed. I've as few shirts as Ed.*

ii superiority *I've more*i *shirts than Ed. I've fewer*/*less*i *shirts than Ed.*

[16] positive orientation negative orientation

equality *as much as many as little as few*

superiority *more less fewer*/*less*

[17] i *She left less than ten minutes ago*.

ii *Less*/*Fewer than thirty of the students had voted.*

iii *He made no less*/*fewer than fifteen mistakes.*

iv *You pass if you make ten mistakes or less*/?*fewer*.

v *He took less*/\**fewer pains to convince us than I'd expected.*

vi *He made fewer*/*less mistakes than the others.*

[18] i *Jill's more of a scholar than Tom is.*

ii *It turned out to be less of a problem than we'd expected.*

[19] i *She trusts you* [*more than her own solicitor*]*.*

ii *It hurt* [*less than I'd thought it would*]*.*

[20] i *She would rather live in danger than die of loneliness and boredom.*

ii *I'd far rather give it to charity than to the government.*

iii *I'd rather you left the position vacant than that you appointed your son.*

iv *I'd rather he came on Tuesday than on Wednesday.*

[21] i *Many of them went to jail rather than pay the fine.*

ii *Rather than talk about it, let's do it.*

[22] i *Care rather than skill is all you need.*

ii *Things like that would increase rather than be done away with.*

[23] i *Wouldn't it be better to travel with friends, rather than total strangers?*

ii *These people are more likely to be referred to courts rather than to aid panels.*

[24] i *They prefer kangaroo meat to beef.*

ii *She prefers to read rather than watch television.*

iii  ?*He'd prefer to put David over the cliff than let him have the land for building.*

iv *They preferred to sell their produce for gold rather than the local currency.*

v *He prefers plucking the guitar string to the bow-string.*

[25] i *They believe their culture is superior to any in the word.*

ii *It is absurd to speak of philosophy as a superior enterprise to sociology.*

[26] i \**Our forces are more worse than theirs than you acknowledge.*

ii *Our forces are more inferior to theirs than you acknowledge.*

[27] i *It's not so simple as that.*

ii *The floor and furniture didn't gleam nearly so much as yours do.*

iii *Is putting a rocket in orbit half so significant as the good news that God put his son, Jesus Christ, on earth to live and die to save our hell-bound souls?*

[28] i *This country has never faced such great dangers as \_\_ threaten us today.*

ii *Few industries were growing at such a rate as catering.*

iii *His second film wasn't such a success as his first.*

iv *Never again would the society assume such a high profile as in the late twenties.*

[29] i inequality: *much*, *far*, *immensely*, *a great deal*, *a lot*, *somewhat*, *rather*, *slightly*, *a bit*, (*a*) *little*, *no*, *any*

ii equality: *at least*, *about*, *approximately*, *roughly*, *every bit*, *easily*, *half*, *twice*, *nearly, nothing like*, *nowhere near*

iii either type: *hardly*, *scarcely*, *a third*, *three times*

[30] i a. *I earn four times as much as Ed.* b. *I earn four times more than Ed.* [a=b]

ii a. *I earn a third as much as Ed.* b. *I earn a third more than Ed.* [a≠b]

iii *I earn a third as much again as Ed.* [=iib]

[31] i *This didn't make her achievement* [*any the less significant*]*.*

ii *In the Swedish context, notable for its tradition of peace and non-violence, the senseless futility of this act stands out* [*the more starkly*]*.*

iii *The plight of the four British employees greatly perturbed Urquhart,* [*the more*] *because a request to the Governor for a contingent of Cossacks to escort them to safety had been turned down.*

iv *The result is* [*all the more disappointing*] *because she had put in so much effort.*

v *That's* [*all the more reason to avoid precipitous action*]*.*

vi *He went prone on his stomach,* [*the better*] *to pursue his examination.*

[32] i *This more than compensated for the delay.*

ii *She expects to more than double her capital in three years.*

iii *She never so much as turned her eyes on any other bloke.*

iv *He as good as admitted he'd leaked the information himself.*

[33] i *The horses were no more on parade than was their driver.*

ii *Kim wouldn't do anything prematurely or in bad taste any more than Pat would.*

[34] i a. *The report may not be ready as soon as he said it would.* )[ordinary comparison]

b. *I'll phone you as soon as the meeting is over.* ) [idiom]

ii a. *We got home no sooner than if we'd taken the bus.* [ordinary comparison]

b. *We'd no sooner got home than the police arrived.* ) [idiom]

c. *No sooner had we got home than the police arrived.* )

[35] i *No sooner had we got home when the police arrived*.

ii *Hardly had we got home than the police arrived.*

[36] i *I'll look after them as*/*so long as you pay me.*

ii *As*/*So far as I know, he's still in Paris.*

iii *As*/*So far as the weather was concerned, we were very lucky.*

iv *He went so*/*as far as to compare the proposal to a tax on shunshine.*

v *Insofar as it's any business of mine, I'd say they should give up.*

[37] i a. *They invited Kim as well as Pat*. b. *It was raining, as well.*

ii a. *We might as well have stayed at home.* b. *You may as well leave it at that.*

iii *It's just as well we called the doctor.*

[38] i *I knew better than to question his decision.*

ii *We'll manage as best we can.*

[39] i a. *The more sanctions bite, the worse the violence becomes.* ) [fronted version]

b. *The more conditions I impose, the less likely is he to agree.* )

c. *The older he gets, the more cynical he becomes.* )

ii a. *The violence becomes worse the more sanctions bite.* ) [basic version]

b. *He is less likely to agree the more conditions I impose.* )

c. *He becomes more cynical the older he gets.*

[40] i *As sanctions bite more, so the violence becomes worse.*

ii *The violence becomes worse as sanctions bite more.*

[41] i *The more we pay them, the harder they work.*

ii *The harder they work, the more we pay them.*

[42] i *Won't the violence become worse, the more the sanctions bite?*

ii *He is clearly the sort of person* [*who would be less likely to agree, the more conditions I impose*]*.*

[43] i *He realised* [*that the longer he delayed the more difficult the task would be*]*.*

ii *She may call an election, in which case the sooner we resolve these differences, the better our chances will be.*

[44] i [*The harder the task,*] *the more she relished it.*

ii *The more directly the sun strikes walls and roof,* [*the greater its heat impact*]*.*

iii *The sooner you leave the firm,* [*the better*]*.*

iv [*The sooner,*][*the better*]*.*

[1] i *They offered the same deal to Kim and Pat.*

ii *Our views are similar.*

[2] i *These questions are very different* (*from each other*)*.*

ii *The same question occurred to both of them: why had no one called the police?*

[3] i a. *The same mistake was made by Ed.* b. *The identical mistake was made by Ed.*

ii a. \**A same mistake was made by Ed.* b. *An identical mistake was made by Ed.*

iii a. *The two copies are the same.* b. *The two copies are identical.*

iv a. *She treats them all the same.* b. *She treats them all identically.*

[4] i *He goes to the same school as his father went to \_\_* / *did.*

ii *She'll be using the same method as \_\_ proved so successful last time.*

iii *They behaved in the same way as you had predicted \_\_*.

iv *We achieved the same result as \_\_* (*was*) *obtained in the first experiment.*

[5] i *He has the same phonetics tutor as he had \_\_ last year.*

ii \**He has the same phonetics tutor as he has \_\_ syntax lecturer*.

[6] i *We're going to the same hotel as we stayed at \_\_ last year.* [comparative clause]

ii *We're going to the same hotel that we stayed at \_\_ last year.* [relative clause]

[7] i a. *I am in the same class as Pat* (*is*)*.* b. *I left at the same time as Pat* (*did*/*left*).

ii a. *Kim's views are the same as Pat's.* b. *This version looks the same as that one.*

[8] i a. *He'll soon be the same height as me.* b. *He'll soon be as tall as me.*

ii a. *I don't earn the same salary as you.* b. *I don't earn as much as you.*

iii a. *It's not the same quality as the* b. *It's not as good as the earlier model.*

*earlier model.*

[9] i *They stay here the same as you do.* [=(*just*) *as*]

ii *You deserve a break the same as everyone else.* [=*like*]

[10] i *He arrived on Tuesday morning and left for Sydney the same day.*

ii *Kim certainly tried, and the same can be said for Jill.*

iii *They rejected my application and the same thing happened to Kim.*

[11] a. *Kim and Pat are the same age.* b. *We asked them all the same question.*

[12] i *This festival is rather similar to Munich's Oktoberfest.* [predicative]

ii *The tribunal has powers similar to those of the courts.* [postpositive]

iii *She was using a similar argument to that outlined above.* [attributive:i]

iv *This problem is of similar complexity to the last one.* [attributive:ii]

[13] i *She was using a similar argument to yours.* [attributive:i]

ii *She was using a similar argument to you.* [attributive:ii]

[14] i *We should set up a local Labour Party along similar lines to the London one.*

ii *Errors on this new task take a very similar form to those which are made on the conservation or class inclusion task.*

iii *A semi-synthetic molecule available in Europe and Japan, artepon, has a similar mechanism of action to the drugs currently under study*.

[15] i *This festival and Munich's Oktoberfest are rather similar.*

ii *This problem and the last one are of similar complexity.*

[16] i *The shooting had remarkable similarities with*/*to a terrorist execution.*

ii *Purchase of state vehicles is handled similarly to all state purchases.*

[17] i a. *Would you yourself follow such advice as you give me \_\_?*

b. *We have been requested to discuss with you such matters as \_\_ appear to us to be relevant.*

c. *Applications shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary to the Treasury may prescribe \_\_.*

d. *Such roads as \_\_ existed were pretty much open roads.*

e. *We were in the worst possible shape to deal with the immediate task of trying to co-operate with the Russians, who suffered from no such disadvantages as did we.*

ii a. *There were no homes for old people such as there are \_\_ today.*

b. *A new payroll tax, such as the Minister proposes \_\_, would be highly unpopular.*

c. *He questioned the value of certification, such as \_\_ provided by these courses.*

[18] i *The concern they felt for me was such as I shall never forget \_\_*.

ii *We are to admit no more causes of natural things than such as \_\_ are both true and sufficient to explain their appearances.*

[19] i *What is one to make of such statements as this?*

ii *The choice depends on such factors as costs and projected life expectancy.*

iii *Traditional sports such as tennis, cricket and football led in popularity.*

iv *It is no interference with sovereignty to point out defects where they exist, such as that a plan calls for factories without power to run them.*

[20] i *My brushes are different from those used by most watercolourists.* [predicative]

ii *They have an examination system not very different from ours.* [postpositive]

iii *You're answering a different question from the one I asked.* [attributive:i]

iv *Do Catholics have different attitudes from Anglicans?* [attributive:ii]

[21] i *This version is very different to the one we shall hear in the simulcast.*

ii %*Records provide a different sort of experience than live music.*

iii %*The focus of interpersonal relationships is different in marriage than in a pre-*

*marital situation.*

iv %*There was no evidence that anything was different than it had been.*

[22] i *We need to remember that Israel treated sheep differently from us.*

ii %*People often behave differently in a crowd than they would individually.*

[23] i *The two versions of the incident are very different.*

ii *They proposed three different ways of solving the problem.*

iii *Different people hold different views on this matter.*

iv *The various candidates had reacted quite differently.*

[24] i *It turns out that the US policy is in fact other than he stated.* [predicative]

ii *He has no income other than his pension.* [postpositive]

iii *We must find some other means of restricting imports than tariffs.* [attributive:i]

[25] i [*Other than this very significant result*]*, most of the information now available about the radio emission of the planets is restricted to the intensity of radiation.*

ii *Little has changed* [*other than that it is now a silent and deserted place*]*.*

iii *For a long time we didn't talk* [*other than to confirm our common destination*]*.*

[26] i *Did he consider the possibility of recording other than popular music in this way?*

ii *No one suggests these deals are other than legitimate commercial operations.*

iii *He is at pains to define his key terms other than anecdotally.*

[27] i *As you know, we face a difficult year.* [adjunct of comparison]

ii *I did it as I was told to do it.* [manner]

iii *The universe today looks just as it did millions of years ago.* [predicative]

iv *The plan as currently conceived is seriously flawed*. [dependent of nominal]

[28] i [*As I have already observed \_\_*]*, no reason has yet been offered for this change.*

ii *The event was sponsored,* [*as \_\_ is the fashion these days*]*, by a brewery.*

iii *He didn't report the matter to the police* [*as you'd predicted \_\_*]*.*

[29] *acknowledge* *argue* *claim* *demonstrate* *discover*

*expect* *find* *hear* *insist* *note*

*promise* *remark* *say* *show* *suggest*

[30] i a. *He phoned home every day* [*as he'd promised to do*]*.* [comparative]

b. *He phoned home every day, which he'd promised to do.* [relative]

ii a. *She has recovered quickly,* [*as her doctor will confirm*]*.* [comparative]

b. *She has recovered quickly, which confirms that it wasn't serious.* [relative]

[31] i *He was a devout Catholic,* [*as were \_\_ both his brothers*]*.*

ii *They claimed it as a deductible expense,* [*as \_\_ permitted under US tax law*]*.*

iii *Kim won convincingly,* [*as \_\_ usual*]*.*

iv *I've also felt at times like leaving my wife,* [*as she has \_\_ me*]*.*

[32] i *If the aim is to create disunity,* [*as it is \_\_*]*, we should reject his proposal.*

ii *She suggested he hadn't been honest with her,* [*as indeed he hadn't \_\_*]*.*

iii *The deadlock is a disappointment coming* [*as it does*] *after such a promising start.*

[33] i *In sport,* [*as in everything else*]*, attitude is all important.*

ii *We took the precaution,* [*as always*]*, of having the paintings authenticated.*

iii *These qualities are necessary today* [*as never before*] *if we are to march together to greater security, prosperity and peace.*

[34] i *He uses statistics* [*as a drunk uses a lamppost \_\_*]*, for support rather than illumination.*

ii *The louvres are constructed* [*as \_\_ shown in the diagram*]*.*

iii *These people don't know how to go about complaining* [*as Europeans do*]*.*

[35] i *His behaviour was* [*as we'd expected it to be \_\_*]*.*

ii *Make sure you leave everything* [*as you find it \_\_*]*.*

iii *The design of the building is* [*as \_\_ shown \_\_ in Figure 12*]*.*

[36] i *This is a photograph of the church* [*as it was \_\_ in 1900*]*.*

ii *Computer technology may make the car,* [*as we know it \_\_*]*, a Smithsonian antique.*

iii *No one thought that Margot,* [*as she was then known \_\_*]*, would last the distance.*

[37] a. *As it happens, I met her only yesterday.* b. *Do as I say* / *as you like.*

[38] i *He had scurried up the hatch as if we were abandoning ship.*

ii *They were treated as if they were Commonwealth citizens.*

iii *There was a ragged edge to her voice now, as if she'd been crying.*

iv *The effect is as if he had materialised out of nowhere.*

[39] i *He had scurried up the hatch as he would if we were abandoning ship.*

ii *They were treated as they would be if they were Commonwealth citizens.*

iii *There was a ragged edge to her voice, as there would have been if she'd been crying.*

iv *The effect is as it would have been if he had materialised out of nowhere.*

[40] i *Don't attack a mouth as if you're dipping a mop into a slop-bucket!*

ii *It was highly imprudent of him to drink as if he were a youngster like ourselves.*

iii *She acts as if she hates me.*

iv *It seems*/*looks as if we've offended them.*

v *Max seems*/*looks as if he's in difficulties.*

vi *As if this news wasn't bad enough, I found that the printer wasn't working either.*

[41] i *As if I didn't have enough on my plate as it was!*

ii *As if I would try to cheat you!*

[42] *He moves about on camera, angular, emaciated, graceful, as if his body were*/*is weightless.*

[43] i *He was treated as if he were a Commonwealth citizen.*

ii *As the trooper left the room, the gambler turned to the army girl with an odd expression, as though he were remembering painful things.*

[44] i *He examined the notes thoroughly, as if to see if they were real.*

ii *She combed her hair back with her fingers as if to see better.*

iii *Unruly hair goes straight up from his forehead, standing so high that the top falls gently over, as if to show that it really is hair and not bristle.*

iv *He rose up as if weightless.*

[45] i *Our aim is to be as competitive as if we had rivals breathing down our necks.*

ii *The part of her that was in control was as calm as though she were just shedding an outer garment during a photo session.*

[46] i a. *Jill is like her mother.* b. \**Jill is as her mother.*

ii a. *Like you, I welcome this decision.* b. \**As you, I welcome this decision.*

iii a. *Jill was talking like a lawyer.* b. *Jill was talking as a lawyer.*

[47] i *Max is just like his father. It seemed like a good idea at the time. It feels like silk. The wine tasted like vinegar.*

ii *It is just like Max to be late.*

iii *The effect was to make him even more like his father.*

iv *I don't want Sally to see me like this. It would be better like this.*

[48] i *Liz is behaving like a prima donna.*

ii *Jill treated Max like the others.*

iii *You shouldn't treat her like that.*

[49] i *Like his brother, Max is a keen gardener.* [likeness of predication]

ii *Max talks like his brother.* [likeness of manner]

iii *Like a fool, Max believed everything they told him.* [other likeness]

[50] i *Unlike his brother, Max is a keen gardener.*

ii \**Max talks unlike his brother*.

[51] i *Like his brother, Max had not received a distribution from the family trust.*

ii *Max had not, like his brother, received a distribution from the family trust.*

iii *Max had not been to university like his brother.*

[52] i *Like us*/\**we, Max is a keen gardener.*

ii *The Russians, like us*/%*we, have an obvious interest in avoiding war.*

[53] i *Like any stray, his response to these comforts was instantaneous.*

ii *Like Moscow, the main streets in Leningrad are wide and tree-lined.*

iii *Like certain expensive restaurants, just sitting there gave you the illusion of* *being wealthy yourself.*

iv *Like so many great successes, the ideas are surprisingly simple.*

[54] i *These birds walk like human beings.*

ii *These birds don't walk like human beings.*

[55] i *He loved her like a sister.*

ii *Bergs will simply rip through sea ice like tissue-paper if the overall current is at variance to the top few metres of the watermass.*

[56] i *The girls shrieked their applause like a mob of cockatoos.*

ii *The afternoon sun shone through her chestnut hair like a fiery halo.*

iii *He just slid his hand slowly out again like a snake.*

iv *I followed his instructions, like a coward.*

[57] i *She gave an account of their meeting very like the one published in the press.*

ii *I don't think there'll ever be another rider like him.*

iii *Tossing around terms like `new right' benefits no one but the left.*

iv *I hope that wearing a dress like this will give me confidence.*

v *There were others who ingested strange objects, like live fish.*

vi ?*She had an accent like a Dutch kid I used to know.*

[58] with comparative clause

i *He wanted to see if she was really like* [*she always seemed to be \_\_ in his dreams*]*.*

ii *You talk like* [*my mother talks \_\_*]*.*

iii *You didn't look both ways before crossing the road like* [*you promised \_\_*]*.*

iv *She was pushing a pram, a high-riding one with large wheels like* [*you see \_\_ in English movies*]*.*

[59] with content clause

i *It looked like* [*the scheme would founder before it was properly started*]*.*

ii *You look like* [*you need a drink*]*.*

iii *She clasped it in her hand like* [*it was a precious stone*]*.*

iv *It was like* [*I had lost something valuable in a vault full of my own money*]*.*

[60] *There is nothing to suggest that the brain can alter past impressions to fit into an original, realistic and unbroken continuity like* [*we experience \_\_ in dreams*]*.*

[61] *The shops stay open all night, just like* [*in the States*]*.*

[62] i *He looks like* [*a guy in my tutorial*]*.* [single NP]

ii *She took to it like* [*a duck to water*]*.* [NP + PP]

iii *At every problem he goes running to the sergeant like* [*a child to its mother*]*.*

iv *Hate rose in him like* [*mercury in a thermometer*]*.*

v *There were countless boats bobbing up and down like* [*corks in a bathtub*]*.*

[63] i *He shook the barman once more, like a bull-terrier shaking a rat.*

ii *The project looks like continuing another few years.*

[64] i *We have* [*nothing like finished*]*.*

ii *His results aren't* [*anything like as good as they were last year*]*.*

[65] i *I'd never seen the like of it.*

ii *We want to protect our privacy from ID cards and the like.*

iii *She had no mind to condemn the Queen's weakness knowing herself guilty of the like*.

iv *A quarter of a million pounds was provided for preserving historic properties and a like amount for purchasing.*

[66] i *We are of like mind on this question.*

ii *They seem to be growing more and more alike.*

iii *She insisted on treating us all alike.*

iv *Revenues have been a great disappointment to planners and investors alike.*

v *The prospect of mediocrity and the dread of oblivion were alike past bearing.*

[67] i *Like poles repel, unlike poles attract.*

ii *Jill is quite unlike her mother.*

iii *It's unlike Max to be late.*

iv *She came up with a proposal quite unlike any we had considered so far.*

v *Ice-bergs, unlike sea ice, are not greatly affected by winds.*

vi *Unlike other fruits, one cannot eat the skin of an avocado.*

vii *Unlike in Europe, very few popular books about the natural world were printed in Australia.*

[1] i *Sam is good.* [plain]

ii *Pat is better than Sam.* [comparative]

iii *Kim is the best of the three.* [superlative]

[2] comparative superlative

i a. *Pat is the more reliable of the two.* b. *Pat is the most reliable of the three.*

ii a. *Which of the two is the better value?* b. *Which of the three is the best value?*

[3] *For lexical units with identical grammatical properties, two alternative criteria for membership of the same lexeme will be proposed. The first is the most important.*

[4] i *The programme is designed for older women.*

ii *Taller students are asked to use the top shelves.*

iii *This was not one of his better suggestions.*

[5] i a. *her upper lip* b. *her lower lip*

ii a. *the outer suburbs* b. *the inner suburbs*

[6] i a. *She has had to take out an injunction against her former husband.*

b. *The poem was written in the latter part of the twelfth century.*

ii a. *The wine may be chilled in a bucket of ice and water or the freezing compartment of a refrigerator, the former being far preferable.*

b. *If asked to choose between a terrible probability and a more terrible possibility, most people will choose the latter.*

[7] *It is not easy to make an economic comparison between clay pots and the various substitutes; the former may last indefinitely with luck, while the latter are often expendable used only once.*

[8] comparative superlative

i superiority *easier* *more*a *difficult easiest most*a *difficult*

ii inferiority *less*a *easy less*a *difficult least*a *easy least*a *difficult*

[9] i *This is the most*a *difficult problem of them all.* [superlative of superiority]

ii *This is the least*a *difficult problem of them all.* [superlative of inferiority]

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| [10] |  | positive orientation | | negative orientation | |
|  |  | **non-count sg** | **count pl** | **non-count sg** | **count pl** |
|  | plain | *much* | *many* | *little* | *few* |
|  | comparative | *more* | | *less*i | *fewer* / *less*i |
|  | superlative | *most* | | *least*i | *fewest* / *least*i |

[11] i *Kim shows* (*the*) *most*i *promise.* [non-count positive orientation]

ii *Kim has* (*the*) *most*i *friends.* [count positive orientation]

iii *Kim has* (*the*) *least*i *patience.* [non-count negative orientation]

iv *Kim made* (*the*) *fewest*/*least*i *errors.* [count negative orientation]

[12] i *Kim enjoyed it the most*i/*least*i*.*

ii \**Of all my teachers Kim was the most*i/*least*i *of a scholar.*

[13] i *Its attractiveness as an investment is least during periods of high inflation.*

ii [*Even the least alteration to the plan*] *could prove fatal.*

iii *That's* [*the least of my worries*]*.*

iv *She didn't seem* [*the least bit*] *interested in what they were saying.*

[14] i *Kim is a* [*most enthusiastic*] *supporter.* [intensifying]

ii *This one is* [*most useful*]*.* [superlative or intensifying]

iii *This one is* [*cheapest*]*.* [superlative only]

iv *You are* [*most kind*]*.* [intensifying as salient reading]

[15] i *Most people think he's guilty.* ) [proportional quantifier]

ii *I agree with most of your points.* )

iii *Kim had interviewed most candidates.* [superlative or proportional]

iv *Kim had interviewed the most candidates.* ) [superlative only]

v *Kim had interviewed* (*the*) *least candidates.* )

[16] i *Kim lives in the smallest house in England.* [absolute]

ii *Of all members of the team, Kim had the most difficult job.* [relative]

[17] i *Kim lives in a smaller house than any other house in England*.

ii *Kim had a more difficult job than any other member of the team.*

[18] *Kim scored the most points.* [relative]

[19] i *We want to ensure that the fullest discussion takes place.*

ii *I have the strangest feeling of having lived through this very same event before.*

iii *The ground was so soft that the lightest step made a deep imprint.*

iv *She hasn't the slightest*/*least recollection of what happened.*

[20] i *Kim was not the least concerned about what people might think.* [absolute]

ii *Kim was the least concerned about these developments.* [relative]

[21] i a. *They rejected* [*the two best novels she has written*]*.* ) [incorporated]

b. *Kim has* [*the most valuable collection of all*]*.* )

c. *This is* [*her most perfectly constructed novel*]*.* )

d. *Pat made* [*the most mistakes*]*.* )

e. *He offered me* [*the least valuable of the paintings*]*.* )

f. [*The most we can hope for*] *is a 2% rise.* )

ii a. *She's* [*the candidate most likely to be elected*]*.* ) [free]

b. *These were the ones that the grown-ups laughed at loudest.* )

c. *He's the least able to look after himself.* )

d. *It was Jill who presented her case the most effectively.* )

[22] i *Most important of all, the weather at the time was dry: there was no rain to bring down the radioactive materials.*

ii *Most surprisingly of all, they continued to believe in his innocence.*

[23] i *The prize was won by* [*the youngest competitor*]*.*

ii *These are* [*the two tallest buildings in the city*]*.*

iii *The program gives* [(*the*) *best results*] *if you begin before the age of thirty.*

iv *The rebates should be given to those in* [(*the*) *greatest need*]*.*

v *It was Kim who attracted* [(*the*) *most attention*]*.*

[24] i *The price of gold is the lowest it has been for ten years.*

ii *The system seems to be working the most efficiently that it has ever worked.*

[25] i a. *We'll aim for the best possible result.* b. *We'll aim for the best result possible.*

ii a. *Kim's essay was the best of all.* b. *Kim wrote the best essay of them all.*

[26] i *very*; *next* and ordinal numerals other than *first*

ii *absolutely*, *almost*, *altogether*, *barely*, *by far*, *easily*, *entirely*, *fully*, *hardly*, *more or less*, *much*, *nearly*, *practically*, *quite*, *scarcely*, *virtually*, ...

[27] i *It was the very best performance I can recall.*

ii *Kim's the second youngest in the class.*

iii *This one works easily the most efficiently*.

iv *I made by far the most errors.*