

**DEGREE OF COMPARISON****Exercise - 1**

(a) Fill the blank spaces with 'later' or 'latter' :

1. The majority accepted the \_\_\_\_ proposal.
2. The \_\_\_\_ part of the book shows signs of hurry.
3. At a \_\_\_\_ date, he was placed in charge of the whole taluka.
4. I prefer the \_\_\_\_ proposition to the former.
5. Is there no \_\_\_\_ news than last week's?

(b) Fill the blank spaces with 'older' or 'elder':

1. I have an \_\_\_\_ sister.
2. Rama is \_\_\_\_ than Hari by two years.
3. His \_\_\_\_ brother is in the Indian Civil Service.
4. She is the \_\_\_\_ of the two sister.
5. The nephew is \_\_\_\_ than his uncle.

(c) Fill in the blank spaces with 'oldest' an 'eldest' :

1. Rustam is the \_\_\_\_ of my uncle's five sons.
2. He is the \_\_\_\_ member of the School Committee.
3. That is Antonio, the duke's \_\_\_\_ son.
4. The \_\_\_\_ mosque in the town is near the railway station.
5. Mr. Smith is the \_\_\_\_ European resident of Jamshedpur.

(d) Fill the blank spaces with 'farther' or further' :

1. Broach is \_\_\_\_ from Bombay than Surat.
2. No \_\_\_\_ reasons were given.
3. He walked off without \_\_\_\_ ceremony.
4. Until \_\_\_\_ orders Mr. Dave will act as Headmaster of Nira High School.
5. To let, a bungalow at Ridge Road, For \_\_\_\_ particulars apply to Box No. 65.

(e) Fill the blank spaces with 'latest' or 'last':

1. The \_\_\_\_ news from China is very disquieting.
2. The \_\_\_\_ time I saw him, he was in high spirits.
3. To-day is the \_\_\_\_ day for receiving tenders.
4. We expect to get the \_\_\_\_ news in a few hours.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Moghul Emperor came to an ignominious end.

(f) Fill the blank spaces with 'nearest' or 'next' :

1. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Post office to my house.
2. The pillar-box is \_\_\_\_\_ to my house.
3. The burglar was taken to the \_\_\_\_\_ police station.
4. His house is \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ railway station is two miles from here.

### Exercise - 2

Point out the Adjectives and name the Degree of Comparison of each: -

1. The poor woman had seen happier days.
2. Do not talk such nonsense.
3. Make less noise.
4. That child has a slight cold.
5. A live ass is stronger than a dead lion.
6. Say the same thing twice over.
7. Solomon was one of the wisest men.
8. Hunger is the best sauce.
9. His simple word is as good as an oath.
10. There was not the slightest excuse for it.
11. My knife is sharper than yours.
12. Small people love to talk of great men.
13. Of two evils choose the less.
14. I hope the matter will be cleared up some day.
15. Your son makes no progress in his studies.
16. Open rebuke is better than secret love.
17. We never had such sport.
18. I have other things to attend to.
19. Hari is the idlest boy in the class.
20. I promise you a fair hearing.
21. There is much to be said on both sides.
22. He thinks he is wiser than his father.
23. No news is good news.
24. England has the largest fleet in the world.

25. Lead is heavier than any other metal.
26. I congratulated him on his good fortune.
27. He has many powerful friends.

**Exercise – 3**

Supply the proper form (Comparative or Superlative) of the Adjective:

1. Good. \_\_\_\_\_ How is your brother to-day ? Is he \_\_\_\_?
2. Hot. \_\_\_\_\_ May is \_\_\_\_ here than any other month.
3. Pretty \_\_\_\_\_ Her doll is \_\_\_\_ than yours.
4. Idle \_\_\_\_\_ Hari is the \_\_\_\_ boy in the class.
5. Sharp \_\_\_\_\_ Your knife is sharp, but mine is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Honour is \_\_\_\_ to him than life.
7. Rich \_\_\_\_\_ He is the \_\_\_\_\_ man in our town.
8. Old \_\_\_\_\_ Mani is two years \_\_\_\_ than Rati.
9. Large \_\_\_\_\_ Name the \_\_\_\_ city in the world.
10. Good. \_\_\_\_\_ He is the \_\_\_\_ friend I have.
11. Bad. \_\_\_\_\_ He is the \_\_\_\_ boy of the two.
12. Bad. \_\_\_\_\_ Raman's work is bad, Hari's is \_\_\_\_\_, but Govind's is the
13. Frerocious \_\_\_\_\_ There is no animal \_\_\_\_ than the tiger.
14. Bad \_\_\_\_\_ The trade is in a \_\_\_\_ condition to-day than it was a year ago.
15. Tall \_\_\_\_\_ He is the \_\_\_\_ of the two.
16. Dry \_\_\_\_\_ Sind is the \_\_\_\_ part of Pakistan.
17. Useful \_\_\_\_\_ Iron is \_\_\_\_ than any other metal.
18. Useful \_\_\_\_\_ Iron is the \_\_\_\_ of all metals.
19. Great. \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the \_\_\_\_ living poet?
20. Nutritious. \_\_\_\_\_ I think he requires a \_\_\_\_ diet.

**Exercise – 4**

Change the Degree of Comparison, without changing the meaning:

1. The Times is the most powerful newspaper in England.
2. Some beans are at least as nutritious as meat.
3. In India, no other exercise is so healthy as swimming.
4. Very few boys are so industrious as Latif.
5. He would sooner die than tell a lie.

6. Bombay mango is the best in India.
7. Shakespeare is greater than any other English poet.
8. Samudra Gupta was one of the greatest of Indian Kings.
9. The tiger is the most ferocious of all animals.
10. Australia is the largest island in the world.
11. Lead is heavier than any other metal.
12. Some people have more money than brains.
13. A wise enemy is better than a foolish friend.
14. The Marwaries are not less enterprising than any other community in India.
15. I know him quite as well as you do.

## **DEGREE OF COMPARISON KEY**

### **Exercise – 1**

a)

1. Latter
2. Latter
3. Later
4. Latter
5. Later

b)

1. Elder
2. Older
3. Elder
4. Elder
5. Older

c)

1. Eldest
2. Oldest
3. Eldest
4. Oldest
5. Oldest

d)

1. Farther/further
2. Further
3. Further
4. Further
5. Further

e)

1. Latest
2. Last

3. Last
4. Latest
5. Last
- f)

1. Nearest
2. Next
3. Nearest
4. Next
5. Nearest

## **Exercise -2**

1. poor – Positive; happier – Comparative;
2. Such\*
3. Less- Comparative;
4. Slight – Positive
5. Live\* stronger – Comparative; dead\*
6. Same\*
7. Wisest – Superlative
8. Best – Superlative;
9. Simple- positive good – positive;
10. Slightest – Superlative;
11. Sharper – Comparative
12. Small – Positive' great – Positive
13. Less- Comparative;
14. Some\*
15. No\*
16. Open\*; secret\*;
17. Such\* ;
18. Other\*
19. Idlest – Superlative;
20. Fair – Positive
21. wholesome – Positive;
22. Wiser – Comparative;
23. No\*; good – Positive;

24. Largest – Superlative;
25. Heavier – Comparative; any\*; other\*;
26. Good – Positive;
27. Many – Positive; powerful – Positive;

### Exercise – 3

1. Better	2. Hotter	3. Prettier
4. Idlest	5. Sharper	6. Dearer
7. Richest	8. Older	9. Largest
10. Best	11. Worse	12. Worse, Worst
13. More ferocious	14. Worse	15. Tallest
16. Driest	17. More useful	18. Most useful
19. Greatest	20. Nutritious	

### Exercise – 4

1. No other town in Malaysia is as old as Malacca. (Positive)  
Malacca is older than any other town in Malaysia. (Comparative)
2. Meat is not more nutritious than soya beans.  
Soya beans are not less nutritious than meat. (Comparative)
3. Jupiter is bigger than any other planet. (Comparative)  
Jupiter is the biggest planet. (Superlative)
4. Latif is more industrious than most other boys. (Comparative)  
Latif is one of the most industrious boys. (Superlative)
5. No other boy in the class is as clever as Peter. (Positive)  
Peter is the cleverest boy in the class. (Superlative)
6. India is larger than any other democracy in the world. (comparative)  
No other democracy in the world is as large as India. (Positive)
7. No other English poet is as great as Shakespeare. (Positive)  
Shakespeare is the greatest of English Poets. (Superlative)
8. Very few Indian kings were as great as Samudra Gupta. (Positive)  
Samudra Gupta was greater than most other Indian kings.(Comparative)
9. No other animal is as ferocious as the tiger. (Positive)  
The tiger is more ferocious than any other animal. (Comparative)
10. No other island in the world is as large as Australia. (Positive)

Australia is larger than any other island in the world. (Comparative)

11. No other metal is as heavy as lead. (Positive)

Lead is the heaviest of all metals. (Superlative)

12. Some people do not have as much brains as money. (Positive)

13. A foolish friend is not so good as a wise enemy. (Positive)

14. The Marwaries are at least as enterprising as any other community in India.  
(Positive)

15. You do not know him better than I do. (Comparative)