Superlative - Lead is the heaviest of all metals.

Comparative - Lead is heavier than all other metals.

Comparative - Mahabaleshwar is cooler than Panchgani.

Positive - Panchgani is not so cool as Mahabaleshwar.

Positive - He is as wise as Solomon.

Comparative - Soloman was not wiser than he is.

Superlative - Shakuntala is the best drama in Sanskrit.

Comparative - Shakuntala is better than any other drama in Sanskrit.

Positive - No other drama in Sanskrit is so good as Shakuntala.

Superlative - Chennai is one of the biggest of Indian cities.

Comparative - Chennai is bigger than most other Indian cities.

Positive - Very few Indian cities are as big as Chennai.

Positive - Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson.

Comparative - Tennyson is not greater than some other poets, I Some poets are not less great than Tennyson.

Superlative - Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets.

Exercise in Composition 20

Change the Degree of Comparison, without changing the meaning: 1.

Malacca is the oldest town in Malaysia.

- 2. Soya beans are at least as nutritious as meat.
- 3. No other planet is so big as Jupiter.
- 4. Very few boys are as industrious as Latif.
- 5. He would sooner die than tell a lie.
- 6. India is the largest democracy in the world.
- 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.
- 16. You do not know him better than I do.
- 17. No other man was as strong as Bhim.
- 18. Some boys are the list as industrious as Suresh.
- 19. Mount Everest is the highest peak of the Himalayas.

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- 20. Very few animals are as useful as the cow.
- 21. America is the richest country in the world.
- 22. It is easier to preach than to practise.
- 23. Iron is more useful than all the other metals.
- 24. Open rebuke is better than secret love.
- 25. The Sears Tower is the tallest building in the world.
- 26. Sir Surendranath was at least as great an orator as any other Indian.