

## Incomplete Comparisons/Superlative/Comparative Exercises Answer Key SAT

Choose the correct answer from the following options

1. Many of the ingredients in the recipe from the first cookbook, such as onions, garlicks, and peppers, are similar to the recipe from the second cookbook.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. recipes from the second cookbook.
  - c. **those in the recipe from the second cookbook.**
  - d. the recipes from the second cookbook.

**Choice C** is the correct answer because the pronoun “those” clearly indicates that the ingredients in the recipe from the first cookbook is being compared to the ingredients in the recipe from the second cookbook. “Those” takes the place of the noun “ingredients.” The other choices are not correct because they are not comparing similar things. “Ingredients” cannot be compared to “recipes.”

2. The increase in demand despite price increases, however, show that far more people than expected were willing to continue to purchase Stan’s cakes even with a higher price tag.
  - a. **NO CHANGE**
  - b. many more people then
  - c. much more people then
  - d. much greater people than

**Choice A** is the best answer. “More” is an adjective that is used with countable object, and is thus correctly used to count people. Choices B and C are incorrect because they use “then” and not the comparative preposition “than.” Choice D is incorrect because the adjective “greater” is when the noun in question is a number. We can count the number of people, but a person is not a number.

3. The recovery period for a broken femur is significantly longer than those for a sprained ankle.
  - a. NO CHANGE
  - b. that compared with
  - c. **that for**
  - d. DELETE the underlined portion

**Choice C** is the best answer because “that for” agrees with the singular antecedent “period” and compares the recovery period for a broken femur and that (the recovery period) for a sprained ankle. Choice A is incorrect because it uses the plural pronoun “those” with the singular antecedent “period.” Choice B is incorrect because the phrase “compared with” is redundant as a comparison is already implied with the word “longer.” Choice D is incorrect because it compares two dissimilar objects; a “recovery period” cannot be compared to a “broken femur.”

4. Sam believes that there exists no movie sequel that is more successful than those from *The Godfather* to *The Godfather II*.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. these
  - c. **that**
  - d. DELETE the underlined portion

**Choice C** is the best answer because the singular pronoun “that” is used correctly with the singular antecedent “sequel.” Choices A and B are incorrect because “those” and “these” are plural pronouns that should not be used with the singular “sequel.” Choice D is incorrect because a pronoun is necessary for a complete comparison of sequels between movies.

5. Some people purchase generic items because they believe store brand products are comparable in quality and cheaper than the people who buy their brand name counterparts.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. the buy of
  - c. buying
  - d. **DELETE the underlined portion**

**Choice D** is the best answer because without the underlined portion, the sentence has the correct parallel contrast between the phrases “store brand products” and “brand name counterparts,” both of which describes products. It is also appropriately comparing a product with a (counterpart) product. Choices A, B, and C are incorrect because they contain illogical comparison: products to “people,” products to “buy,” and products to “buying.”

6. Research has shown that dogs are better behaved, most happy, and friendlier when they get enough exercise, discipline, and affection.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. **better behaved, happier, and friendlier**
  - c. best behaved, most happy, and friendlier
  - d. more behaved, more happier, and more friendly

**Choice B** is the best answer because it correctly uses the comparatives “happier” and “friendlier.” The adjective “behaved” does not have a comparative so it is appropriate to use the word “more” to indicate a comparison.

7. The toad, due to its bulbous eyes and uneven skin, can be seen as a scarier creature than the frog. But more terrifyingly, the Goliath Tigerfish is one of the few species of fish that are not afraid of crocodiles and actually preys on smaller ones.
- a. **NO CHANGE**
  - b. Speaking about more terrifying animals,
  - c. Speaking in a way more terrifyingly
  - d. in a more terrifying terms

**Choice A** is the best answer. It is the most concise comparison between Goliath Tigerfish, toads, and frogs. All the other choices are incorrect because they are either wordy or do not make any sense.

8. One reason that a cheetah can achieve such high acceleration while a dog cannot is that the spine of its body is far more flexible than dogs.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. far more than that of a dog's body.**
  - c. far more flexible than a dog.
  - d. far more than a dog's body.

**Choice B** is the best answer because it correctly uses the singular pronoun "that" with the singular antecedent "spine." It also correctly compares a cheetah's spine to a dog's spine. Choices A, C, and D all have illogical comparisons. It does not make sense to compare a spine to "dogs," "dog," or "a dog's body."

9. Moriah believes that her piggy bank has more quarters than the quarters in anyone else's piggy bank.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. anyone else's quarters in their piggy banks
  - c. anyone else's piggy bank**
  - d. quarters in the piggy banks of anyone else

**Choice C** is the best answer because it appropriately compares Moriah's piggy bank to anyone else's piggy bank. It is comparing one piggy bank to another piggy bank. All the other choices create an illogical comparison.

10. Although we often think of great white sharks as the largest sharks in the ocean, the size of a whale shark is actually greater than it.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. whale sharks are actually larger than them.**
  - c. the size of a whale shark is actually greater.
  - d. whale sharks are more larger than those of other sharks.

**Choice B** is the best answer. It correctly compares two different types of sharks: the great white shark and the whale shark. We cannot compare the great white shark to a size (of the whale shark), and thus Choice A and C make an illogical comparison. Choice D is wordy and sounds awkward.

11. Between watermelon and grapes, grapes are the most sweet.
- a. NO CHANGE
  - b. sweetest.
  - c. sweetest fruit.
  - d. more sweet.**

**Choice D** is the correct answer. When comparing two things, the adjective should be modified with the “-er” ending or “more.” In this case “sweeter” would also be appropriate to use but it is not an answer option.

12. Many people are unaware of the enormous size of the blue whale. Between the tyrannosaurus rex, blue whale, and elephant, the blue whale is the bigger.

- a. NO CHANGE
- b. Among the tyrannosaurus rex, blue whale, and elephant, the blue whale is the biggest.**
- c. Among the tyrannosaurus rex, blue whale, and elephant, the blue whale is bigger.
- d. Between the tyrannosaurus rex, blue whale, and elephant, the blue whale is the biggest.

**Choice B** is the correct answer. When comparing more than two things, the word “among” should be use. When comparing two things, the word “between” is used. Also, when comparing more than two things, “-est” or “most” should be used to modify the adjective.