UNIT 7. LESSON 12
DEGREES OF COMPARISON

Exercise 1 – Identify the degree of comparison

Read the following sentences and identify the adjectives used in various degrees of comparison.

1. Raj is taller than Sheldon.
2. The little girl is quite brave.
3. This chocolate is sweeter than the other one.
4. Mr Ambani is one of the wealthiest men.
5. The weather is getting colder these days.
6. The boy was the fattest one in the school.
7. Bring me the largest bag you have.
8. This is the best gift I've received to date.
9. The cottage is in the farthest corner of the village.
10. May is the hottest month of the year.
11. Riya is my elder sister.
12. Can you point me towards the nearest phone booth?
13. This is the oldest church in our city.
14. Most boys were in the playground.
15. This is my least favourite book.
16. Indira Point is the southernmost point of India.
17. I had a narrow escape from an accident.
18. Samuel is a good friend.
19. I can't go any further.
20. Can you reach the topmost shelf?

Exercise 2 – Identify the degree of comparison

Go through the following sentences given below and identify the degree of comparison.

1. This war is one of the worst wars the world has witnessed.
2. Percy Weasley was the eldest of the Weasley brothers.
3. Rose is one of the most beautiful flowers in the world.
4. I hope you are doing well.
5. Show me the finest silk saree you have.
6. Have you heard the latest news?
7. The train came later than expected.
8. This is the nearest grocery store to my place.
9. For further information, you have to contact the office.
10. Rani Lakshmi Bai was one of the bravest rulers of India.
11. I have an older brother who reads in class 10.
    've seen worse!
13. The river is covered with a thin layer of ice.
14. Birbal was the cleverest man in Akbar's court.

15. This mango is sourer than the previous one.
16. The mathematical equation was the most difficult to solve.
17. This is the easiest way to solve the equation.
18. If you go a little, you will get clearer water.
19. This is one of the saddest news.
20. The red dress looks classy on you.

Exercise 3: Change the degree of comparison
Read the following sentences and change them as directed.

Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks
Fill in the blanks with the correct degree of comparison.
1. Prevention is ___ that cure. (good)

4. Gold is ___ than lead. (light)

Here are two ways in which you can solve this problem, and this way is ___

9. May is ___ than April. (hot)
10. My bag is ___ than Ritu's. (heavy)

Inchan is the ____ cartoon I've watched. (funny)

15. Bees are the ___ insects. (industrious)

LISTENING TASK
Listen to two people talking about costs in London and New York. For questions 1 to 9, choose the correct answer.

1. Paul...
is living in New York
has been a few weeks in New York

has family in New York

has just moved to London

2. The cost of an apartment in New York is _____ an apartment in London.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

3. The cost of a restaurant meal in New York is ____ a restaurant meal in London.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

4. The cost of healthy groceries at the supermarket in New York is ____ groceries in London.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

5. The cost of gasoline in New York is ____ petrol in London.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

6. The cost of new cars in the USA is ____ new cars in Britain.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

7. The cost of taxis and public transport in New York is ____ in Britain.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

8. Electricity bills in New York are ____ in Britain.

much higher than

about the same as

a little lower than

much lower than

9. Medical costs are _____ in the USA ____ in Britain.

much higher / than

about the same / as

a little lower / than

much lower / than