

Unit - 8

COMPARISON

A1. Adjectives	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
Single Syllable	Taller, Brighter, Better, Worse, Older, Farther	Tallest, Brightest, Best, Worst, Oldest, Farthest
Two Syllables	Simpler, Cleverer, Busy, Happy, Better	Simplest, Cleverest, Busiest, Happiest, Best
Ending in 'Y'	Happier, Busier	Happiest, Busiest
More than two syllables	More Beautiful More Dangerous	Most Beautiful Most Dangerous
That do not have regular forms	Worse Better	Worst Best

A2. Sentences-

1. She is prettier than her mother
2. He is not as plain as his brother
3. She is as diligent as I am
4. His answer is better than yours
5. My house is older than any other house in this locality
6. He is smarter than his boss.

A3. Self Attempt.(personal details of the student to be provided)

A4. Fewer, than, less, many, more, more, few, as much, less, many, much, as.

A5. Self Attempt.

A6. more in, more in, than, not more than, less than, more than.

A7. Self Attempt.

- A8.
1. Fruits are more nutritious than junk food.
Junk food can't be healthy or nutritious , rather it is more fattening.
 2. Soap is cheaper than shampoo.
Shampoo is more effective and better than soap.

3. A Cycle is more economical than a motor bike.
A Motor bike is less safe than a cycle.
A Cycle is more eco-friendly than a motor bike.
 4. The Internet is a better means to send messages than a letter.
A Letter is not as quick as a means as the internet is to communicate.
The Internet is safer than a letter to send messages.
 5. T.V. is more informative than radio.
Radio is not as entertaining as T.V. is.
T.V. is more popular than radio.
 6. A house is more spacious than a house in a multi-storied building.
A house provides more convenient dwelling place than a dwelling unit in a multi-storied building.
A House is more private a dwelling place than a dwelling place in a multi-storied building.
 7. A Swiss army knife is more useful than an ordinary knife.
It is easier to handle than a one blade knife.
It is more handy and versatile than a knife.
 8. City life is more polluted, crowded and noisy than life in villages.
 9. An Aeroplane is faster but a more expensive mode of transport than a train.
Travelling in an aeroplane is more comfortable than travelling by train
 10. Pressure cooker is quicker, more hygienic and nutritious than cooking in the open pan.
 11. Travelling by train is safer, faster and more comfortable than traveling by bus.
- A9. Costlier than, more expensive, cheaper than, better, lower than.
- B – Avoiding Repetition
- B1. Today, Asia has far less forest cover than the past
 2. The questions in the Physics test were not easier than Maths
 3. India’s population is rising more quickly than China’s.

4. Children were reading more in 1990 than now.
5. Children now spend far more time watching TV than reading books.

B2 Apes are in many ways similar to humans. The skeleton of an ape resembles that of a human and both have the same number of teeth. An ape's brain is smaller than that of a human, but the structure is the same. It is not surprising then that apes behave like humans. Of all apes, the chimpanzee is more similar to man. It is the most intelligent ape and can be trained more easily than other apes. Some chimpanzees have been taught to communicate with humans through gestures used in deaf and dumb languages.

B3 Match the clauses.

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| A | B |
| 1. | a |
| 2. | d |
| 3. | b |
| 4. | e |
| 5. | c |

- B4
1. The harder I work, the more I earn.
 2. The older you become, the lazier you grow.
 3. The more he learns, the sharper he becomes.
 4. The sooner she realizes her mistakes, the better human being she becomes.
 5. The faster our team scores, the more confident it appears.

- C1
1. Smaller, larger, many, more than, greater, as bad as, fifteen times, virtually the same, eight times greater, as many as, over the same period
 2. yes, yes
 3. If these trends continue, the situation for the smaller species will be as bad as it used to be for the larger ones.
 4. yes
 5. no
 6. five times.

C2 - Self attempt. Paragraph

TV has had a great impact on the reading habit of students in India between 1985 and 2010. There has been a downward slide in the reading habit as more hours are spent on watching TV.

In 1985, 14 hours were spent on reading for pleasure and as compared to it TV watching was minimal. Subsequently, these trends change. In 1990, TV viewing was whopping while reading habit declined phenomenally. In 2000, TV watching rose up to four hours per week while reading for pleasure came down to ten hours from fourteen hours in 1985. In 2005, both trends crossed each others' paths. Reading for pleasure had a 50% reduction while TV viewing had a 7 times increase as compared to the figure of the year 1985. This trend was visible in year 2010 too. Reading for pleasure saw a deep decline as compared to TV viewing.

If these trends continue, then reading for pleasure will soon be a habit of the past while watching TV will be a predominant live activity.

D - Proportion

D1- vast majority, third, less than a quarter, small minority

D2 - Self Attempt.

The given pie-chart summarizes the survey conducted on "Should TV Advertising be controlled?". As is shown in the given diagram, a small minority believed that the TV advertising should be banned completely. But much less than a quarter believed it should be permitted only after 9 pm. Just less than a quarter were of the opinion that advertising targeting children should not be allowed. Almost 1/5 th were of the opinion that there should be no restrictions. One third of the surveyed people believed that frequency of commercial breaks should be restricted. It is seen that barring a small minority, all others wanted restriction of some kind to be imposed on TV advertising.

At what age should young people be considered to be independent?

Man considers himself to be independent based on certain external and internal factors. Even today, views about the age differ. A small minority feel that the age between 12 - 15 years is good for young people to be considered independent. But there are others who consider the age between 15 - 17 as the ideal age for the young to be thought of as independent. Just more than 25% of the people think that the age between 17 - 20 yrs is an ideal period when young people can be considered independent. Almost 50% of the

people are of the opinion that the age between 20-25 years is the best period to consider young people independent. The remaining 28% of the people feel that it is good to consider young people between 12-17 years as independent. To sum up, majority is of the view that young people should be considered to be independent when they cross the age of 20 years.

E-Superlative

- E1. 1. Diamonds are the costliest stones.
 2. The Himalayas are the highest mountain ranges in the world.
 3. The Ganga is the most sacred river in India.
 4. Leh, is the coldest region in India.
 5. The Taj Mahal is the most beautiful monument in India.
 6. Kolkata is the most populous city in India.
 7. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.
 8. The elephant is the heaviest animal living at present.
 9. Mt.Everest is the highest peak in the world.
 10. Russia is the greatest communist country.
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- E2. 1. I like Cricket best because it is the most interesting game.
I like football best because it is the most vigorous game.
I like hockey best because it is the most powerful game.
 2. I like fruits best because, they are the most nutritious.
I like chocolates best because it has the most intoxicating aroma.
I like ice cream best because it takes the shortest time to finish.
 3. I like theatre best because it allows the best opportunity to face actors in person.
I like T.V best because it is the cheapest entertainer.
I like cinema best because it is the best place to socialize.
 4. I like cartoon films best because they give the funniest moments to laugh.
I like Sci-fi films best because they are the most thrilling.
I like comedy films best because they are the lightest.
 5. I like my elder brother best because he helps me the most.
I like me class teacher best because he is the most considerate.
I like my mom best because she is the most compassionate women

- F. 1. Saeed runs faster (not quicker)than Johnson.
2. The fastest (not faster) land animal in the world is the Cheetah.
3. Our house is bigger than your house(not your). Or yours.
4. On an average, people in cities earn more money than those (not that)living in villages.
5. His grade is the same as (not than) mine.
6. Ranvir is slightly taller than(not as)Javed.
7. Developed countries consume twice more resources than developing countries.\
8. The clock tower is the most prominent land mark in this area.

Integrated Grammar Practice

1. (a) (i) was the imperial city of the
 (b) (iv) was built by
 (c) (i) are a blend of Islamic and Hindu.
 (d) (ii) conforms to be Islamic style of architecture
 (e) (i) show a Hindu influence specially that of
2. (a) (ii) (b) (ii) (c) (iii) (d) (i) (e) (iv) (f) (i) (g) (ii)
3. 1. He dreamed one night that he had been captured by a tribe.
 2. He was told he would have to produce the sewing machine in a day.
 3. If he could not, he would be speared by the tribe.
 4. As Howe woke up suddenly, he saw the solution to his problem.

Or

Howe saw the solution to his problem as he woke up suddenly.

4. (a) if she had enjoyed her holiday in London
 (b) it had been really very cold there
 (c) if she had seen any of the famous places there
 (d) she had seen a number of interesting places
 (e) she wished that it would have been better if
5. (a) should not bring motorized vehicles to school
 (b) informed not to park their cycles at the front entrance
 (c) must be returned to

- (d) is allowed
- (e) are prohibited.
- 6. (a) into a grocery
- (b) located thought what
- (c) wall, and ran
- (d) loudly they tried
- (e) it with a
- (f) stop the noise
- (g) they had stolen
- (h) are in police