ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Comparatives – Superlatives MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 3

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Explanations

1. His plan is _____ practical of all.
✔ **D) the most**
Of all compares one thing with a whole group, so we need the superlative. **Practical** is a long adjective, so its superlative is **the most practical**. Not **most**, because the superlative needs **the**.

2. I think it is _____ beautiful landscape I've ever seen.
✔ **C) the most**
I've ever seen is a clue for the superlative. **Beautiful** is a long adjective, so we say **the most beautiful**. Not **the best**, because **the best beautiful** is wrong.

3. Our garden is _____ beautiful than our neighbour's.
✔ **E) less**
Than shows we are comparing two things. With a long adjective like **beautiful**, we put **more** or **less** before it: **less beautiful than** means "not as beautiful as". Not **least** or **the least**, because they are superlatives and cannot go with **than**.

4. Which are _____ comfortable, sandals or tennis shoes?
✔ **C) more**
We compare two things (sandals or tennis shoes), so we need the comparative. **Comfortable** is a long adjective: **more comfortable**. Not **most**, because that is for three or more things.

5. In the second half, the team played _____ and the game ended in a draw.
✔ **E) worse**
The second half is compared with the first half, so we need a comparative. **Badly** becomes **worse**: **they played worse**. Not **the worst**, because there is no group of three or more being compared.

6. The area of Brazil is _____ than that of England.
✔ **D) larger**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Large** is a short adjective, so we add **-er**: **larger**. Brazil is much bigger than England.

7. He was _____ angrier than I had expected.
✔ **C) much**
We use **much** before a comparative to make it stronger: **much angrier** means "a lot angrier". Not **more**, because **angrier** already means "more angry".

8. Which question do you think is _____ difficult one?
✔ **D) the most**
We choose one question from a group, so we need the superlative. **Difficult** is a long adjective: **the most difficult**. Not **most**, because the superlative needs **the**.

9. There is _____ milk in this jug than in that one.
✔ **E) less**
Than shows a comparison, so we need a comparative. **Milk** is uncountable, and the comparative of **little** is **less**: **less milk**. Not **little**, because it is not a comparative.

10. The weather today is _____ than yesterday.
✔ **D) worse**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Bad** is irregular: **bad – worse – the worst**. Not **the worst**, because a superlative cannot go with **than**.

11. Her version is _____ original than yours.
✔ **C) more**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Original** is a long adjective, so we say **more original**. **Much** alone cannot make a comparative.

12. Mr. Smith has two sons. He liked his _____ son more than the younger one.
✔ **B) elder**
We use **elder** before a noun for the older of two people in a family: **his elder son**. There are only two sons, so we don't use **the eldest**. **More old** is wrong; the comparative of **old** is **older**.

13. Yesterday Camilla was _____ girl there.
✔ **C) the happiest**
Camilla is compared with all the girls there, so we need the superlative. **Happy** becomes **the happiest** (y changes to i). Not **happiest**, because the superlative needs **the**.

14. Traveling is _____ in summer than in winter.
✔ **B) more interesting**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Interesting** is a long adjective, so we say **more interesting**. Not **the most interesting**, because a superlative cannot go with **than**.

15. Which bird flies _____, the swallow or the gull?
✔ **C) faster**
We compare two birds (the swallow or the gull), so we need the comparative: **faster**. Not **the fastest**, because that is for three or more.

16. My clothes have never been _____ than this.
✔ **A) cleaner**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Clean** is a short adjective, so we add **-er**: **cleaner**.

17. My dress is _____ than yours, isn't it?
✔ **E) longer**
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Long** is a short adjective, so we add **-er**: **longer**.

18. Which is _____ country in the UK?
✓ B) the most industrial
We compare one country with all the countries in the UK, so we need the superlative. **Industrial** is a long adjective: **the most industrial**. Not **the industrious**: **industrious** means "hard-working", and it is not a superlative.

19. Do you speak English _____ than Spanish?
✓ E) more fluently
Than tells us we need a comparative. We describe how you speak, so we need an adverb: **fluently**. Its comparative is **more fluently**.

20. Margaret types _____ than Mary does.
✓ C) faster
Than tells us we need a comparative. **Fast** is a short word, so we add **-er**: **faster**. Not **the fastest**, because a superlative cannot go with **than**.

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