ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Comparatives – Superlatives MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 4

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Explanations

1. This chair is _____ comfortable than that one.
✓ **B) less**
Less + adjective + **than** is the opposite of **more … than**: **less comfortable than** = not as comfortable as. Not **the least**, because **than** needs a comparative, not a superlative.

2. Both of them are skiing very badly, but she is skiing even _____ than he is.
✓ **B) worse**
Bad has an irregular comparative: **bad – worse – the worst**. **Than** needs the comparative, so **even worse than**.

3. The _____ you start, the _____ you'll finish.
✓ **B) sooner / more quickly**
The pattern **the + comparative …, the + comparative …** shows that two things change together: **the sooner …, the more quickly …**. Not **sooner / quickly**, because both parts need a comparative.

4. The play I saw yesterday was _____ than this one.
✓ **B) worse**
Than tells us we need a comparative. The comparative of **bad** is irregular: **worse**.

5. Mary is much _____ than Ann, though they look alike.
✓ **B) taller**
Much + comparative + **than**: **much taller than**. Short adjectives add **-er**: **tall – taller**.

6. My arm felt hot but that ache was _____ than the pain that burned in my breast.
✓ **A) stronger**
We compare two pains with **than**, so we need the comparative: **strong – stronger**.

7. Your dictation is _____ of all.
✓ **E) the worst**
Of all shows we compare one thing with the whole group, so we need a superlative: **the worst of all**. Not **worse**, because a comparative goes with **than**.

8. My room is _____ than yours.
✓ **B) larger**
Than needs a comparative. **Large** ends in **-e**, so we add only **-r**: **larger**.

9. "Family Album" is _____ than "Follow Me".
✓ **C) more interesting**
Long adjectives form the comparative with **more**: **more interesting than**. Not **as interesting**, because it would need **as … as**, not **than**.

10. This exercise is _____ than the last one.
✓ **C) better**
Good has an irregular comparative: **good – better – the best**. **Than** needs **better**.

11. The longer the way, the _____ tired we are.
✓ **B) more**
The pattern **the + comparative …, the + comparative …**: **the longer …, the more tired …**. **The** is already in the sentence, so only **more** is needed.

12. Today _____ and _____ people are coming to understand that learning English is _____.
✓ **E) more / more / useful**
More and more shows a number that keeps growing: **more and more people**. The last gap needs the plain adjective, **useful**, because nothing is being compared.

13. _____ goods you sell, _____ profit you'll make.
✓ **D) the more / the more**
The pattern **the more …, the more …** needs **the** in both parts: **The more goods you sell, the more profit you'll make.** Not **more / the more**, because the first part also needs **the**.

14. Yesterday was _____ day we've had this summer.
✓ **C) the hottest**
We've had this summer compares one day with all the days of the summer, so we need a superlative: **the hottest day**.

15. Our new flat is much _____ than the old one.
✓ **D) quieter**
Much + comparative + **than**: **much quieter than**. Not **the quietest**, because a superlative cannot go with **than**.

16. Do you need any _____ help?
✓ **B) more**
Any more + noun means 'extra, in addition': **Do you need any more help?** Not **most**, because **any most** is not possible.

17. Actions speak _____ than words.
✓ **D) louder**
Than needs a comparative: **loud – louder**. This proverb means what you do shows more than what you say.

18. It is _____ work I've ever done.
✓ **D) the worst**
I've ever done after a noun usually goes with a superlative: **the worst work I've ever done**. Not **best**, because a superlative needs **the**.

19. Uncle Nick was the _____ son of the family.
✓ **D) elder**
Elder is used for people in the same family: **the elder son, my elder sister**. Not **old**, because **the old son** does not compare anybody.

20. This room is _____ than that one.
✓ **E) smaller**
Than needs a comparative: **small – smaller**. Not **little**, because it is not a comparative form.

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