

Test S: Comparative and superlative

A

Write the comparative form of the words in brackets.

- ▶ They've made these chocolate bars smaller (small).
- ▶ Sport is more interesting (interesting) than politics.
- 1 Can't you think of anything (intelligent) to say?
- 2 Well, the place looks (clean) now.
- 3 Janet looks (thin) than she did.
- 4 You need to draw it (carefully).
- 5 The weather is getting (bad).
- 6 The programme will be shown at a (late) date.
- 7 I can't stay (long) than half an hour.
- 8 A mobile phone would be a (useful) present.
- 9 I'll try to finish the job (soon).
- 10 It was (busy) than usual in town today.
- 11 I'll be even (annoyed) if you do that again.
- 12 Since the break-in I feel (nervous).

B

Write the superlative form of the words in brackets.

- ▶ It's the shortest (short) day of the year.
- ▶ It's the most beautiful (beautiful) building in the world.
- 1 That was the (funny) film I've ever seen.
- 2 It was the (horrible) feeling I've ever had.
- 3 Have you read her (recent) book?
- 4 It's the (large) company in the country.
- 5 It was the (boring) speech I've ever heard.
- 6 You've got the (far) to travel.
- 7 That's the (helpful) idea so far.
- 8 The factory uses the (modern) production methods.
- 9 This is the (early) I've ever got up.
- 10 It was the (sad) day of my life.

C

Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, cross the unnecessary word out of the sentence and write it in the space.

- ▶ I've got the least powerful computer in the world. ✓
- ▶ London is ~~more~~ bigger than Birmingham. more
- 1 Silver isn't as expensive as gold.
- 2 Indian food is the nicer than Chinese, I think.
- 3 The telephone is one of the most useful inventions ever.
- 4 I feel a much better now, thank you.
- 5 The longer you wait, so the harder it'll be.
- 6 The piano is heavier than the sofa.
- 7 This is the most quickest way to the hotel.
- 8 You're taller than he is.
- 9 Who is the cleverest student in of the class?
- 10 The weather is getting hotter and more hotter.

D

Read this part of Tessa's letter to her friend Angela about her new job.
Then look at the answers after the letter and write the correct answer in each space.

My new job is great. I like it (►) much better than my old one. The people here are
(1) than I expected. Luckily my new boss isn't as rude
(2) my old boss, Mrs Crossley, was. I hated her. She was the
(3) friendly person I've ever met. Everyone here is older
(4) In fact I'm the youngest person (5)
the office. But I don't mind.

The good thing about the job is that I get a (6) more money, although
not much more than I did before. The bad thing is that the journey isn't (7)
simple as it was in my old job, where the bus took me straight there. Now I have to change buses.
But I'm allowed to start work early. The earlier I leave home, (8) the
journey is because the buses aren't so crowded.

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| ► a) more | b) most | c) much | d) very |
| 1 a) more nice | b) most nice | c) nicer | d) nicest |
| 2 a) as | b) so | c) than | d) that |
| 3 a) least | b) less | c) less and less | d) so |
| 4 a) as I | b) as me | c) than I | d) than me |
| 5 a) from | b) in | c) of | d) out of |
| 6 a) bit | b) less | c) lot | d) much |
| 7 a) as | b) less | c) more | d) same |
| 8 a) more easier | b) more easy | c) the easier | d) the easy |

E

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

- This train is more convenient than all the others. (most)
This train is the most convenient
- 1 The living-room isn't as big as the kitchen. (bigger)
The kitchen
- 2 I'm not as fit as you. (am)
You're
- 3 The table and the desk are the same size. (big)
The table the desk.
- 4 Prices just get higher all the time. (and)
Prices
- 5 The dress is cheaper than the skirt. (expensive)
The skirt the dress.
- 6 This crossword is the easiest. (difficult)
This crossword
- 7 Their excitement was increasing all the time. (excited)
They were getting
- 8 I've never read a more romantic story. (most)
It's the read.