Comparative and Superlative Dogs

Use the information about the four large dog breeds in the chart below to complete the exercises.

	Akita	Great Dane	Mastiff	Saint Bernard
				
Personality	Brave and very loyal	Friendly, patient and gentle	Calm and gentle	Playful and curious
Height	67-71 cm	71-81 cm	64-71 cm	66-76 cm
Weight	32-59 kg	45-90 kg	54-109 kg	54-82 kg
Coat length	Medium	Short	Short	Medium
Energy level	Energetic	Energetic	Medium	Medium
Protective	Protective but not the most protective	Very protective when needed	Protective but usually calm with visitors	Protective of their families
Good with children?	It depends on the dog	Usually gentle with children	Usually gentle with children	Usually gentle with children
Good with other dogs?	Often they are not	Usually	Usually	Usually
Life expectancy	10-13 years	7-10 years	6-10 years	8-10 years

A. Are the following comparative and superlative statements true or false? Write your answers in the spaces. Then, correct the false statements to make them true.

1. The Akita is taller than the Great Dane. .....
2. The Mastiff is heavier than the Saint Bernard. .....
3. The Akita is as energetic as the Great Dane. .....
4. The Great Dane is not as energetic as the Mastiff. .....
5. The Great Dane is the tallest. .....
6. The Saint Bernard is the most curious. .....
7. The Mastiff is the most protective. .....
8. The Saint Bernard has the most energy. .....
9. The Akita is the least heavy. .....
10. The Saint Bernard lives longer than the Akita. .....

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B. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives or phrases in brackets.

1. The Great Dane is known as ..... (friendly) of the four breeds.
2. The Saint Bernard's coat is ..... (long) the Mastiff's coat.
3. The Mastiff has ..... (short) life expectancy.
4. The Akita is known as ..... (loyal) of the four breeds.
5. A Great Dane could live ..... (long) a Saint Bernard.
6. The Saint Bernard is generally ..... (protective) the Akita.
7. The Great Dane is ..... (energetic) the Mastiff.
8. The Saint Bernard is typically ..... (gentle with children) the Mastiff.
9. The Akita is ..... (protective) of the four breeds.
10. The Great Dane is typically ..... (good with children) the Akita.
11. Of these four breeds, the Akita is ..... (friendly) with other dogs.
12. The Great Dane is not ..... (heavy) the Mastiff, but it's typically ..... (tall). In fact, it's ..... (tall) of all four breeds.

C. Answer the questions about the dogs in complete sentences.

1. Which breed is probably better with other dogs, the Great Dane or the Akita?

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2. Is the Saint Bernard better with children than the Great Dane?

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3. Which breed has the widest weight range?

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4. Which breed is the least protective?

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5. Which breeds have the longest and the shortest life expectancies?

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6. Which breed do you like the best? Why?

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