TOPIC 2. LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

GRAMMAR PRACTICE: COMPARATIVE + WRITING SENTENCES

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the comparative forms of the words in the box. (sound, hard, polite, traditional, careful, optimistic, fluent, generous, healthy, quick)

1. In my village, the farmers have to work _____ at harvest time.

2. After a hard-working day, workers usually sleep _____.

3. People in the countryside dress _____ in the past than today.

4. I don't think rich people always donate _____ than poor people.

5. My sister eats _____ , so she is slimmer now.

6. People in rural areas of Britain talk _____ about the future than city people. They believe in better future.

7. City people seem to react _____ to changes than country people.

8. He drives _____ after he had a serious accident last month.

9. I speak English _____ now than last year.

10. She greeted me _____ than her sisters who said "hey" to the older people.

Exercise 2: Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

1. _____ the harvest time, we always help my parents harvest crops in the field.

2. Some farmers _____ my village still use buffalo-drawn carts to transport rice home.

3. I made friends with them _____ my first day.

4. The villagers were harvesting rice _____ a combine harvester.

5. People here live _____ catching fish from nearby rivers.

6. The driver unloaded the rice _____ the back of the truck.

7. It is famous _____ its ancient pagoda, traditional houses, and temples.

8. Hollum is one of the ancient villages _____ the Island of Ameland, the

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Netherlands.

9. Besides sightseeing, visitors can also take part in sports _____ kite-flying, surfing, etc.

10. Local people are kind and hospitable _____ visitors.

Exercise 3: Write complete questions using the given words.

1. Sarah/ sing/ beautiful/ than/ her sister.

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2. They/ smile/ more/ happy/ before.

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3. My sister/ cook/ badly/ than/ I.

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4. The new villager/ adapt to changes/ easily/ than/ the old one.

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5. The restaurant/ serve/ food/ quickly/ than/ its competitors.

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6. The new combine harvester/ separate/ the rice/ more/ quickly/ the old one.

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7. The teacher/ speak English/ fluently/ than/ we/ do.

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8. She/ handle/ customer complaints/ well/ than/ her co-workers.

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9. The construction workers/ using/ their machines/ noisily/ than/ usual/ today.

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10. Jim/ throw/ the ball/ far/ than/ Peter/ in the previous match.

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