

## 1. DET Writing Transformations Exercises

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE USING ONE, TWO OR THREE WORDS ONLY.

*Passive to active and active to passive transformations (These constitute around 10% of transformations).*

- 1 Their father was given his first pony by his grandmother.  
Their father's grandmother ..... <sup>Insert text</sup> ..... his first pony.
- 2 At our school the students are lent the text books by the school.  
Our school ..... the text books to the students.
- 3 A free documentary film is included in the exhibition.  
The exhibition ..... a free documentary film.
- 4 Seat belts must be worn by all passengers.  
All passengers ..... seat belts.
- 5 Sarah's friends gave her a smart phone for her leaving present.  
Sarah ..... given a smart phone for her leaving present by her friends.

*Comparatives, as... as, the same as & prefer transformations (These constitute nearly one per exam).*

- 6 Sarah's smartphone is very similar to her father's smartphone.  
Sarah's smart phone is nearly the same ..... her father's smartphone.
- 7 A smartphone is Sarah's favourite possession.  
Sarah likes her smartphone more .....any of her other possessions.
- 8 Gmail accounts are generally better than other email services.  
Other email services are generally not as ..... gmail accounts.
- 9 The Italian restaurant is cheaper than the Greek restaurant.  
The Italian restaurant costs ..... than the Greek restaurant.
- 10 He prefers playing soccer to playing rugby.  
He likes playing soccer ..... playing rugby.
- 11 No other cathedral is as old as Chartre in France.  
Chartre is ..... any other cathedral in France.
- 12 I like working with other people more than on my own.  
I ..... working with other people to working on my own.
- 13 She found Arabic easier to learn than she had expected.  
It wasn't ..... to learn Arabic as she had expected.
- 14 Skiing is not as dangerous as kitesurfing.  
Skiing is ..... dangerous than kitesurfing.

*Past simple, present perfect, never and the first time... . (These constitute around 12% of Part 1 questions.)*

- 15 Sarah has never had a smartphone before.  
This is the ..... that Sarah has had a smartphone.
- 16 Joe said that he had never been to Rome.  
Joe said, "I ..... been to Rome.
- 17 We haven't been to the theatre for a long time.  
It's a long time since we ..... to the theatre.

- 18 Nick joined a golf club a year ago.  
Nick ..... a member of a golf club for a year.
- 19 They had not been to South Korea before.  
It ..... the first time they had been to South Korea.
- 20 This will be my first visit to Brazil.  
I've ..... to Brazil before.

*Quantifiers: a few, not many, most, all etc (These constitute around 8% of Part 1 questions).*

- 21 Most Valencians love rice.  
Nearly ..... Valencians love rice.
- 22 There are only a few swimming pools in my town.  
There aren't very ..... swimming pools in my town.
- 23 It's too hot to play football.  
It's not cool ..... to play football.
- 24 They said I was too old to start to learn the piano.  
They said I wasn't ..... to start to learn to play the piano.

*Have/has => there is/are (These constitute around 8% of Part 1 questions).*

- 25 Each section has three parts.  
In each section ..... three parts.
- 26 The Greek restaurant has a lovely garden.  
At the Greek restaurant ..... a lovely garden.
- 27 Nick's golf club had an important competition last month.  
There ..... an important competition at Nick's golf club last month.
- 28 There are three tennis courts at the sports centre.  
The sports centre ..... three tennis courts.

*So do I/So does she (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).*

- 29 Sarah likes sending photos via whatsapp and all her friends do too.  
Sarah likes sending photos via whatsapp and ..... do all her friends.
- 30 We love miso soup and our children love it too.  
We love miso soup and so ..... our children.
- 31 Both my friend and I enjoy going to the cinema.  
I enjoy going to the cinema and ..... my friend.

*Close to/far from/near (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).*

- 32 Covent Garden is close to Oxford Street.  
Covent Garden is not ..... Oxford Street.
- 33 Nick's house is quite near the golf club.  
Nick's house is not very ..... from the golf club.
- 34 The Greek restaurant is quite near our house.  
The Greek restaurant is not too ..... from our house.

*Reported speech to direct speech (These constitute around 6% of Part 1 questions).*

- 35 I asked Sarah if she wanted to come to the Greek restaurant with me.  
I asked Sarah, " ..... want to come to the Greek restaurant with me?"
- 36 Joe said that he had never been to Rome.  
Joe said, " I ..... to Rome."
- 37 Maria suggested visiting the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona.  
Maria said, " If I were you, I ..... visit the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona."

*Antonyms [opposites] and Synonyms (These constitute around 10% of Part 1 questions).*

- 38 Soccer is a very easy game to learn.  
It is not very ..... to learn how to play soccer.
- 39 School trips can teach you a lot.  
You can ..... a lot on a school trip.
- 40 It costs 30 Euros to visit the aquarium in Valencia.  
You have to ..... 30 Euros to visit the aquarium in Valencia.
- 41 My teacher has lent me a great book.  
I have ..... a great book from my teacher.
- 42 You can do this with my help or by yourself.  
You can do this with my help or on ..... own.

*Infinitive of purpose (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).*

- 43 Sarah uses her smartphone for sending whatsapp messages.  
Sarah uses her smartphone ..... send whatsapp messages.
- 44 Making your own muesli doesn't take you long.  
It doesn't take you long ..... your own muesli.

*Indefinite pronouns [nothing, anyone etc] (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).*

- 45 It costs nothing to open a gmail account.  
It doesn't cost ..... to open a gmail account.
- 46 Everyone in our class loves watching cartoons in English.  
In our class, all of us ..... watching cartoons in English.

*Unless (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).*

- 47 If we don't practise every day, we won't improve.  
You won't improve ..... you practise every day.
- 48 You can't come to the cinema with us unless you bring some money.  
You can come to the cinema with us ..... you bring some money.

*Second conditional (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).*

- 49 Why don't you join a photography club?  
If I were you, I ..... join a photography club.

- 50 Maria suggested visiting the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona.  
Maria said, "If I were you, I ..... visit the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona."

*What about + -ING/ Shall we... (These constitute around 4% of Part 1 questions).*

- 51 What about eating out tonight?  
Shall ..... eat out tonight?

*Have versus have got (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).*

- 52 She doesn't have that car anymore.  
She ..... got that car anymore.

*During and While (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).*

- 53 Jane will probably visit us while she's in London.  
Jane will probably visit us ..... her stay in London.

*Negative infinitives (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).*

- 54 It is essential to be on time.  
It's essential ..... late.

*Other types of transformation (These constitute around 2% of Part 1 questions).*

- 55 I saw one of my friends walking down the high street yesterday.  
I saw a friend of ..... walking down the high street yesterday.
- 56 Nick loves playing golf.  
Nick is very keen ..... playing golf.
- 57 Nick walks to the golf club in 10 minutes.  
It ..... Nick 10 minutes to walk to the golf club.
- 58 Members can play golf any day of the week.  
..... possible for members to play tennis any day of the week.