REVIEW AND EXAM PRACTICE

A. REVIEW MAP

1. Comparative and superlative forms

Adjective:
easy → easier → the easiest
effective → more effective → the most effective
good → better → the best
bad → worse → the worst
Adverb:
clearly → more clearly → the most clearly
fluently → more fluently → the most fluently
well → better → the best
fast → faster → the fastest

2. Basic comparison patterns

comparative + than
as...as
not as...as
less...than
the same as
different from
superlative + in / of / ever
than I am / than I do

Examples:

- This method is more effective than the old one.
- She explains grammar more clearly than before.
- This task is not as difficult as the previous one.
- My answer is different from yours.
- This is the most useful lesson I have ever had.

3. Comparing degree, quantity and data

much / far / significantly / considerably + comparative
slightly / marginally / a little + comparative
more / fewer / less
the most / the fewest / the least
the figure for...
that of / that for
twice as many as
twice as much as
twice as high as

Examples:

- The figure for online learning was significantly higher than that for printed materials.
- Fewer students used printed books in 2024.
- The school spent less money on paper resources.
- The number of students in Class A was twice as high as that in Class B.

4. Advanced comparative patterns

more and more
less and less
the more..., the more...
than expected
than people realise
increasingly
progressively
gradually
steadily

Examples:

- Students are becoming more and more confident.
- Printed worksheets are becoming less and less popular.
- The more students practise, the more fluent they become.
- The course was more useful than I had expected.
- Technology is becoming increasingly important in education.

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B. PRACTICE

Exercise 1. Complete the table with the correct comparative and superlative forms.

1. useful → _____ → _____
2. clearly → _____ → _____
3. confident → _____ → _____
4. confidently → _____ → _____
5. bad → _____ → _____
6. well → _____ → _____
7. efficient → _____ → _____
8. efficiently → _____ → _____
9. far → _____ → _____
10. reliable → _____ → _____
11. fast → _____ → _____
12. carefully → _____ → _____
13. simple → _____ → _____
14. challenging → _____ → _____

15. high → _____ → _____

Exercise 2. Choose the correct option.

1. The new platform works more effective / more effectively than the old one.
2. This is the most useful / more useful advice I have ever received.
3. She is more confident than I do / I am.
4. He speaks English better than I do / I am.
5. The second explanation was not as clear / clearly as the first one.
6. The teacher explained the rule more clear / more clearly than before.
7. This result is different from / different than the previous one.
8. My answer is same as / the same as yours.
9. The number of students was twice higher than / twice as high as last year's figure.
10. There were fewer / less students in the evening class.
11. The course is becoming increasingly important / increasingly more important.
12. The more students practise, they become more confident / the more confident they become.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. This is _____ explanation in the whole lesson. (clear)
2. The new app runs _____ than the previous version. (smoothly)
3. Students became _____ after several speaking activities. (confident)
4. Of all the candidates, Linh answered the questions _____. (persuasively)
5. The final task was much _____ than we had expected. (challenging)
6. The online course was _____ useful than the face-to-face course for speaking practice. (little)
7. The revised test contained _____ questions than the original one. (few)
8. Students made _____ mistakes after receiving detailed feedback. (few)
9. The number of applicants was significantly _____ in 2024. (high)
10. The school spent _____ money on printed resources this year. (little)

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with than, as, in, of, from or the same as.

1. This essay is more convincing _____ the previous one.
2. She is the most fluent speaker _____ the group.
3. This is the best solution _____ all.
4. My learning style is different _____ yours.
5. His answer is not _____ detailed as mine.
6. This method is less effective _____ the old one.
7. Her result is _____ mine.
8. That was the hardest test I have ever taken _____ my life.
9. She speaks English more naturally _____ she did last year.
10. This explanation is not the same _____ the one in the textbook.

Exercise 5. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

1. No student in the class speaks more confidently than Nam.
→ Nam speaks _____.
2. This is the most useful workshop I have ever attended.

→ I have never attended _____.
3. The online course was not as effective as the classroom course.
→ The online course was _____.
4. The first explanation was clearer than the second one.
→ The second explanation was not
_____.
5. My answer is different from yours.
→ My answer is not _____.
6. She is a better public speaker than I am.
→ I am not _____.
7. The second article is less detailed than the first one.
→ The second article is not _____.
8. No option is more practical than this one.
→ This is _____.

Exercise 6. More, fewer or less?
1. The new course offers more / fewer / less opportunities for speaking practice.
2. Students reported more / fewer / less stress after the exam format changed.
3. The revised worksheet contains more / fewer / less exercises than the original one.
4. The school spent more / fewer / less money on printed books.
5. The advanced group made more / fewer / less grammatical mistakes.
6. Students now spend more / fewer / less time using printed dictionaries.
7. The new policy caused more / fewer / less confusion among parents.
8. There were more / fewer / less applicants for the online course than expected.
9. The teacher gave more / fewer / less feedback after each writing task.
10. The new timetable gives students more / fewer / less pressure before exams.

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Exercise 7. Complete the data sentences.
1. Online courses: 64%
Printed textbooks: 32%
→ The figure for online courses was _____.
2. Class A: 42 students
Class B: 21 students
→ Class A had _____.
3. Digital tools: 60%
Printed resources: 20%
→ The percentage of students using digital tools was _____.
4. Speaking practice: 8 hours
Grammar exercises: 4 hours
→ Students spent _____.
5. Technology spending: $15,000
Printed book spending: $5,000
→ The school spent _____.
6. Group A average score: 86
Group B average score: 78

→ The average score of Group A was _____.
7. Video lessons: 48%
Audio lessons: 24%
→ The figure for video lessons was _____.
8. Printed worksheets: 70% in 2021, 35% in 2024
→ The figure for printed worksheets in 2024 was _____.

Exercise 8. Complete the sentences with advanced comparative patterns.

1. Students are becoming _____ when they practise regularly. (confident)
2. Printed worksheets are becoming _____ among teenagers. (less / common)
3. The education market is becoming _____. (competitive)
4. The exam questions are getting _____. (hard)
5. The more students read in English, _____. (easy / academic vocabulary / become)
6. The less time students spend revising, _____. (difficult / remember key ideas)
7. The project was more demanding _____. (we / expect)
8. Technology is becoming _____ important in education. (increasingly)

Exercise 9. Error correction.

1. This question is more easier than the previous one.
→ _____
2. She speaks English more fluent now.
→ _____
3. This is the most cheapest option.
→ _____
4. He is taller than I do.
→ _____
5. She explains grammar as clear as her teacher.
→ _____
6. My answer is same as yours.
→ _____
7. This method is different than the old one.
→ _____
8. There were less students in the evening class.
→ _____
9. The number of boys was twice higher than girls.
→ _____
10. The figure of online learning was higher than classroom learning.
→ _____
11. Technology is becoming increasingly more important.
→ _____

12. The more students practise, they become more confident.
→ _____
13. Printed books are becoming less and less commonly.
→ _____
14. The test was more difficult than I expected it.
→ _____
15. The amount of students increased significantly.
→ _____

Exercise 10. Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. The classroom course gave students clearer feedback than the online course. AS
→ The online course did not _____.
2. No one in the debate team explained their ideas as persuasively as Linh. MOST
→ Linh explained _____.
3. The number of students using online courses was much higher than the number using printed books. FIGURE
→ The _____.
4. Students spent twice as much time on speaking practice as on grammar exercises. AMOUNT
→ The _____.
5. Technology is becoming more important in education. INCREASINGLY
→ Technology is _____.
6. If students practise more, they become more fluent. THE
→ The _____.
7. The test was more difficult than I thought. EXPECTED
→ The test was _____.
8. The final result was almost double the original figure. HIGH
→ The final result was _____.

Exercise 11. Complete the text with suitable comparison structures.

more effectively	less dependent	the most significant
significantly higher	the figure for	that for
fewer	as useful as	more and more
the more	than expected	increasingly

Technology is becoming _____ important in education. In many schools, students are using digital tools _____, especially for vocabulary learning and listening practice. Recent data shows that _____ online courses was _____ printed textbooks. In 2024, 64% of students used online courses, compared with 32% using printed textbooks. This means the figure for online courses was twice as high as _____ printed textbooks.

However, digital tools are not always _____ direct teacher feedback. Some students still need face-to-face support, especially when they practise speaking or writing. In fact, students who receive regular feedback usually make _____ mistakes and become _____ on translation apps.

One of _____ changes is that students are becoming _____ confident with independent learning. Still, online learning can be more challenging

_____ if students lack discipline. In general, _____ carefully a course is designed, the more useful it becomes.

Exercise 12. The paragraph below has 12 mistakes in comparison structures. Find and correct them.

Education is changing faster than many people expected it. Online courses are becoming more and more popularly, while printed worksheets are becoming less and less commonly. The figure of students using digital tools was significantly higher than printed books. In 2024, there were less students using traditional materials, and the amount of students using mobile apps increased sharply. Some learners think online learning is more convenient as classroom learning, but it is not always as effective than face-to-face lessons. The more students study independently, they become more responsible. However, the less feedback they receive, harder it is for them to improve. Overall, technology is becoming increasingly more important, but teacher support remains one of the most useful factor in education.

Exercise 13. Mini exam practice.

1. The new course is _____ more practical than the old one.
A. very B. much C. many D. most
2. The number of students in Class A was twice _____ that in Class B.
A. as high as B. as many as C. higher than D. more than
3. She explained the idea _____ than before.
A. clear B. clearer C. more clearly D. the clearest
4. This is the most useful lesson I have ever _____.
A. have B. had C. having D. has
5. The more carefully students plan, _____ mistakes they make.
A. fewer B. the fewer C. less D. the less
6. The figure for printed books was lower than _____ online courses.
A. that for B. those for C. it for D. them for
7. Students are becoming _____ dependent on digital tools.
A. increasing B. increasingly C. increased D. increase
8. This method is not as effective _____ the previous one.
A. than B. from C. as D. like
9. The revised test contains _____ questions than the original one.
A. less B. fewer C. little D. least
10. The course turned out to be more demanding than we _____.
A. expect B. expecting C. had expected D. have expecting
11. The percentage of students choosing video lessons was higher than _____ audio lessons.
A. that choosing B. that of students choosing C. those of students choosing D. students
12. Printed dictionaries are becoming _____ common among teenagers.
A. less and less B. fewer and fewer C. least and least D. little and little
13. My answer is different _____ yours.
A. than B. from C. as D. with
14. Of all the students, Mai answered the questions _____.
A. more confidently B. most confident C. the most confidently D. more confident
15. The school spent _____ money on digital tools as on printed resources.
A. twice as many B. twice as much C. twice as high D. twice more