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DEGREES OF COMPARISON

Study the following sentences;

- Deepika is a clever girl
- Deepika is cleverer than Sravani
- Deepika is the cleverest of all the girls in the class

In the above sentences, the adjective 'clever' is used in three degrees to show the comparison. They are;

- Positive Degree
- Comparative Degree
- Superlative Degree

★ Positive Degree is used to denote the existence of some quality. Here no comparison is made.

Mahesh is a handsome hero.

Akbar was a great emperor.

★ We use 'Comparative Degree' when there is a difference in respect of some quality between two persons, places or things.

Ooty is cooler than Chennai.

Virat Kohli is better than most other Indian batsmen.

★ When comparison is made among more than two persons, places or things we use 'Superlative Degree'. It refers to the highest degree of quality.

Burj Khalifa is the tallest tower in the world.

Bahubali is the highest grosser of Telugu movies till date.

Interchange of Degrees of Comparison

Model	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
I	Visakhapatnam is not as big as Hyderabad	Hyderabad is bigger than Visakhapatnam	(Superlative Degree is not possible here as the comparison is made only between two items)
II	The rose is at least as beautiful as the lily	The lily is not more beautiful than the rose	
III	No other metal is as heavy as lead	Lead is heavier than any other metal	Lead is the heaviest metal
IV	Very few singers in India are as great as K.J. Yesudas	K.J. Yesudas is greater than most other singers in India	K.J. Yesudas is one of the greatest singers in India

PRACTICE TEST

- ★ Change the sentences into other degrees of comparison as mentioned in the brackets.
- The Pacific is the deepest ocean in the world. (Change into Comparative Degree)
 - Very few oceans in the world are deeper than the Pacific.
 - The Pacific is more deeper than any other ocean in the world.
 - The Pacific is deeper than any ocean in the world.
 - The Pacific is deeper than any other ocean in the world.
 - Ooty is one of the coolest places in India. (Change into Positive Degree)
 - Many other places in India are not very cool as Ooty
 - Very few places in India are as cool as Ooty
 - No other place in India is as cool as Ooty
 - Ooty is as cool as most other places in India
 - The lion is the wildest animal. (Change into Comparative Degree)
 - The lion is more wild than other animals
 - The lion is wilder than any animal
 - No animal is wilder than the lion
 - The lion is wilder than any other animal
 - The humming bird is smaller than many other birds. (Change into Positive Degree)
 - Very few humming birds are as small as other birds
 - Very few birds are as small as the humming bird
 - Many other birds are as small as the humming bird
 - The humming bird is as small as many other birds
 - This film is worse than any other film. (Change into Superlative Degree)
 - No other film is worst than this film
 - This is one of the worst films
 - This is the worst film
 - This is the most worst film
 - Gandhiji is more famous than most other Indian leaders. (Change into Superlative Degree)
 - Gandhiji is one of the most famous Indian leaders
 - Gandhiji is one of the famousest Indian leaders
 - Gandhiji is one of the best famous leaders in India
 - Gandhiji is the most famous Indian leader
 - Prevention is better than cure. (Change into Positive Degree)
 - Cure is not as good as prevention
 - Prevention is not as bad as cure
 - Cure is not good over prevention
 - Cure is not more good than prevention

ANSWERS

1-4; 2-2; 3-4; 4-2; 5-3; 6-1; 7-1.

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