

COMPARISONS

EXERCISE

Directions: From each of the following pairs of sentences, select the one you prefer and write its letter in the space at the left. Be prepared to justify your choice.

1. A. You'll have to admit that living conditions here are different from Hawaii.
 B. You'll have to admit that living conditions here are different from those in Hawaii.

2. A. Robert says that he is the smartest of any other student.
 B. Robert says that he is the smartest of all the students.

3. A. Jon is one of the tallest boys, if not the tallest boy, in the class.
 B. Jon is one of the tallest, if not the tallest boy, in the class.

4. A. Who is the oldest, you or your sister?
 B. Who is the older, you or your sister?

5. A. He was short and heavy, with a thick neck and arms like a Wrestler's.
 B. He was short and heavy, with a thick neck and arms like a wrestler.

6. A. Martin, who has little interest in language, found vocabulary more difficult than his younger sister Alice.
 B. Martin, who has little interest in language, found vocabulary more difficult than his younger sister Alice had.

7. A. Prices here are usually lower than our competitors.
 B. Prices here are usually lower than our competitor's.

8.
 - A. California is reported to have more parks than any other state in the Union.
 - B. California is reported to have more parks than any state in the Union.

9.
 - A. His work is as rewarding, if not more rewarding, than a guidance counselor.
 - B. His work is as rewarding as that of a guidance counselor, if not more rewarding.

10.
 - A. People here in Springdale are really not much happier from any other small town.
 - B. People here in Springdale are really not much happier from people in any other small town.