# Unit 9 · Making Comparisons

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 23

Write your answers on separate paper.

## 1 Two things, or one out of many? [6]

Asmita's family went on a picnic. Copy each sentence and write the right form of the word in brackets: the plain word, the *-er* or *more* form, or *the -est* or *the most* form. Add *the* where it is needed.

1. Two buses go to the picnic spot. Of the two, the blue one is the ..... (fast).
2. "Which is ..... (good) for a picnic, the river bank or the hill?" asked Dad.
3. Of all my cousins, Sana is ..... (funny).
4. We put our feet in the river. The water was very ..... (cold).
5. My little brother eats a lot. He is getting ..... (strong) every month.
6. The bazaar was ..... (crowded) on the way home than it was in the morning.
7. It was the happiest day ..... my life, and Sana was the best swimmer ..... our village. (Write *in* or *of*.)

a. Write the eight answers (sentence 7 has two gaps).
b. Sentence 1 already has *the* before the gap. Why is the answer still not *fastest*?
c. Sentence 3 has no *the* before the gap, and sentence 5 has no *than*. Explain why sentence 3 needs a superlative, and why a comparative is right in sentence 5.

## 2 Cheaper, item by item or for the whole order? [6]

Two cafés in a small town sell the same things. (The cafés and prices are made up.)

| Item | Café Mitho (Rs.) | Café Himal (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|
| Milk tea (one cup) | 20 | 25 |
| Veg momo (one plate) | 100 | 110 |
| Veg chow mein (one plate) | 90 | 95 |
| Chicken momo (one plate) | 170 | 140 |

a. Ankit says, "Everything is cheaper at Café Mitho." Is he right? Write one true sentence about the two cafés with *cheaper* and *but*.
b. Ankit's family orders 2 cups of milk tea, 1 plate of veg momo, 1 plate of veg chow mein and 3 plates of chicken momo. Which café is cheaper for this order, and by how much? Show your working.
c. Café Mitho is cheaper for three of the four items. Explain why that doesn't make it cheaper for this order.
d. On a rainy day, the family orders the same food to their home. Café Mitho brings it free, but Café Himal charges Rs. 80 for bringing it. Which café is cheaper now? Write your answer as one sentence with *Of the two cafés*.

## 3 A lake riddle [6]

This table gives the size and the height of five lakes in Nepal. All the numbers are about right: surveys measure lakes a little differently.

| Lake | Size of its water ($km^2$) | Height above the sea (m) |
|---|---|---|
| Phewa | about 5.7 | about 742 |
| Rara | about 10.8 | about 2,990 |
| Begnas | about 3.3 | about 650 |
| Tilicho | about 4.8 | about 4,919 |
| Phoksundo | about 4.9 | about 3,600 |

Nischal made a riddle: "I am higher than Phewa, but I am smaller than Rara. Which lake am I?"

a. Which lakes fit Nischal's riddle? Explain.
b. Why is "bigger than Tilicho" not a good clue for Phoksundo? Then add one good clue with a comparative to the riddle, so that only Tilicho fits, and a different one so that only Phoksundo fits.
c. Which lake is lower than Rara but bigger than Begnas?
d. Which lake is the second highest of the five? Which is the second biggest?
e. Which of these sentences can the table check? For each one it can check, say whether it is true, and correct any word that is wrong. For the others, say why the table can't check them.

   1. Rara is about twice as big as Phewa.
   2. Rara is deeper than Phewa.
   3. Rara is more beautiful than Phewa.
   4. Tilicho is the tallest lake of the five.

## 4 Two words, two spelling rules [5]

In each pair below, the two words make their comparatives in different ways.

a. *sad* and *slow*
b. *gray* and *tiny*
c. *lazy* and *famous*
d. *fit* and *fine*

For each pair, write both comparatives. Then say which rule of spelling makes them different.

e. Make a pair of your own: two words of one syllable that end in the **same** consonant letter, where one doubles it in the comparative and the other doesn't. Write both comparatives and explain.