**ПРИЛАГАТЕЛЬНЫЕ И НАРЕЧИЯ. СТЕПЕНИ СРАВНЕНИЯ (THE ADJECTIVE AND THE ADVERB. DEGREES OF COMPARISON)**

**Упражнения**

**Упр. 1 Use the required form of the adjectives in the following sentences. Put *the if* necessary:**

1 Pollution and overpollution are two of (serious) problems in the world today.

2 The wine at the dinner party last night was bad, but the food was even (bad).

3 Mercury is (close) planet to the sun and Pluto is (far) planet from the sun.

4 He is (talkative) than his sister. I think he won’t tire you so much.

5 At first I thought you were nice but really you are as (bad) as everybody else.

6 You looked depressed this morning but you look a bit (happy) now.

7 Everybody thinks that Jack is the (clever) of the three brothers.

8 I don’t think it matters in the (little) which seat I choose.

9 “Today I am no (wise) than yesterday,” said Uncle George smiling.

10 The (near) house is three miles away.

11 The (near) item on the program is a piano sonata.

12 “Of the two evils let us choose the (little),” joked father.

13 He is a far (intelligent) person than his brother.

14 The Browns have got three daughters. The (old) is 14 years old.

15 She had to wait a very long time. The longer she waited (much) impatient she became.

16 I am afraid the problem is much (complicated) than it seems.

17 It is a lot (easy) to learn a foreign language in the country where it is spoken.

18 Sometimes adults are (childish) than children.

19 I was (amazed) at the news than her parents.

20 We had a great holiday. It was one of (enjoyable) holidays we have ever had.

21 I thought she was younger than me but in fact she is slightly (old).

22 When the thief broke into their house, Julia was (afraid) than her husband.

23 I think money is (important) than love.

24 This bag is too small. I need something much (big).

**Упр. 2 Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word given + the ending *-ing* or *-ed*:**

*Example: It’s …surprising that he passed his exam. We got … surprised when we heard it. (surprise)*

1 She always looks …. She says her life is …. **(bore).**

2 The scene was …. She was … at what she saw**(disgust).**

3 The lecturer’s explanation was …. The students were …. **(confuse).**

4 His answer was …. The examiners were … with his answer**(satisfy).**

5 This project is …. The boss is … in it**(interest).**

6 The film was …. All of us were … with it**(disappoint).**

7 Her skin is … because the chemical is … **(irritate).**

8 I took the eggs out of the … water. I had an egg for breakfast**(boil).**

9 The match was …. The boys were … when their team scored a goal **(excite).**

10 The news was …. My parents were … when they heard the news**(shock).**

11 We are …. The newspapers are full of … news **(depress).**

**Упр. 3 Complete each sentence with an appropriate ending. Translate the sentences into Russian:**

*Example*: *Their child is always as quiet as a mouse*

a) Their child is always as quiet as a......................... 1) gold

b) My boss is always as busy as a.............................. 2) mule/

donkey

c) She is as clever as a................................................ 3) fox

d) He is as stubborn as a.............................................4) bee/ beaver

e) Their little boy is as good as.................................. 5) mouse

f) One of my teachers is always as nervous as a........ 6) ice

g) For some unknown reason, I feel as weak as a...... 7) bird

h) My! Your hands are as cold as............................... 8) wolf

i) I'm in a wonderful mood today! I feel as free as

a………………………………………………………9) kitten

j) What an appetite I have! I am as hungry as a..........10) cat

k) His father has been very sick; he's as thin as

a...................................................................................11) beet

l) Our young son is as strong as an.............................12) pillow

m) Her voice is as clear as a........................................13) pea soup

n) The fog last night was as thick as……………..... ..14) bell

o) My new sweater is as soft as a ……………........... 15) ox

p) Why are you blushing? My! Your face is as red

as a ……………………………………………...........16) rail

**Упр. 4 Complete the following comparisons:**

1 Barbara is nearly ... old ... her stepmother. 2 There are more ... two thousand books in my mother's library. 3 Bob talks just ... his father. 4 Would you be ... kind ... to close the door for me? 5 Do ... I tell you; don't do ... I do. 6 I am not ... naive ... to believe all he promises me. 7 After your heart attack you should walk ... slowly ... possible. 8 The Volga is not now ... wide ... it was.9 I have ... many working hours a week ... any other employee. 10 A shower uses less water ... a bath. 11 On Sundays we don't have to get up ... early ... usual. 12 This house is two times ... big ... the old one. 13 They use twice ... much electricity .. compressor machines. 14 In my opinion, it's worth more ... twice that figure. 15 He can lift a box thrice ... heavy.

**Упр. 5 Test your knowledge of degrees of comparison:**

*a) Use the required form of the adjectives. Add an article if it is necessary:*

1 They warned him, “(Little) you say, (good) it is.”

2 The boy fell off the roof, but he feels none the (bad) for it.

3 Sue has worked for the company for ten years, she is much (experienced) than Mike.

4 His interest in this matter is far (serious) than we at first thought.

5 Don’t praise him. He is (little) musical than his sister.

6 I didn’t really like him when we first met. But the more I got to know him, (much) I like him.

7 I’m surprised Catherine is only 28. I thought she was (old).

8 Their little boy is as (sly) as a monkey.

*b) Read the sentences and translate them into Russian, paying special attention to the adjectives:*

1 Good – better – best. Never rest. Till “good” is “better” and “better” is “best”. 2 A bad excuse is better than none. 3 A silent tongue and a true heart are the most admirable things on earth. 4 It is better to be the best of a low family than the worst of a noble one. 5 The symphony was a half-baked, splashy, cacophonous mess. 6 The film will be released in the first half of the following year at the earliest.7 Broken hearts stain pillows with bitter tears.

*c) Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the adjective. Mind the use of articles where necessary:*

***Late***

1 These are ... books and current magazines. 2 Are you getting off at ... stop? 3 He turned up ... than he had promised. 4 Let’s discuss ... news a little bit ..., shall we? 5 We have two managers at the office: Igor and Svetlana. ... is thirty, ...is twenty-eight. 6 Will you repeat ... sentence, please. 7 This illustrated magazine shows photographs of ... fashions. 8 Last week my students passed ... exam. 9 I am ..., but not ... . 10 We need ... telephone directory.

 ***Near***

1 There's no one ... to me than you. 2 Excuse me, where is ... metro station? 3 ... time think before you speak. 4 Are you getting off at ... stop, sir? 5 Who lives ... to the school, children? 6 ...week you'll have to write ... essay according to our plan. 7 Who is going to be ... to do the talking?

***Old***

1 My roommate is as ... as I. 2 Of the four children Tony is ... . 3 My ... brother is a loving family man. 4 – Who is ... here? – Mr. Stone is, though he is the youngest man here. 5 Have you ... brother or sister?

***Far***

1 She is one of those who will go .... 2 How ... is your native place from here? 3 Billy lived at ... end of the village. 4 She never went ... than school. 5 Do you think they will get any ... in this tricky matter? 6 A ... calculation shows that these figures are incorrect. 7 I live ... from the city centre than you do, 8 They are waiting for ... news from home.

*d) Translate into English:*

1 Вы – моя последняя надежда. 2 Этого я от вас меньше всего ожидала. 3 Она выглядит старше своих лет. 4 Женщине столько лет, на сколько она выглядит. 5 Чем ближе экзамены, тем больше я нервничаю. 6 – На сколько лет ваш муж старше вас? – Мы ровесники. 7 В следующий вторник мы обсудим следующий пункт программы. 8 Каковы последние достижения в этой области? 9 Последующие детали будут обсуждены на последнем заседании клуба. 10 На этой выставке представлено последнее (новейшее) оборудованиесо всего мира.

**SUBSTANTIVIZED ADJECTIVES**

**Упр. 6 Read and translate the sentences. Find and comment on the substantivized adjectives:**

1 Haven is where the police is British, the cooks are Italian, the mechanics are German, the lovers are French, and all is organized by the Swiss. Hell is where the cooks are British, the mechanics are French, the lovers are Swiss, the police is German and all is organized by the Italians. 2 Mr. Alexander is writing a book on fundamentals of English Grammar. 3 The prospect of a new business deal gave her a high. 4 His illustrated talk presented the highs and lows of his journey. 5 The place was deserted, all the locals had left with the summer residents. 6 The rest had done him good, he knew that. 7 Another thought struck Ursula all of a sudden. 8 Why do you ignore the obvious? 9 The navy was in the thick of the fighting. 10 She always tries to see the best in people.

**Упр. 7 Insert the right article:**

1 It had not occurred to her before that ... rich could be daft in the head. She had always thought it was the prerogative of ... poor. 2 He was a man who lives his life to ... fullest. 3 She stepped back and viewed the fir-tree with a critical eye. It was a healthy young fir, ... rich dark green. 4 She tried to remember only ... good and ... best. 5 I felt claustrophobic all of ... sudden. 6 Come in, don't stand outside in ... cold. 7 She laughed, and a slight flush tinted her face ... pretty pink. 8 It felt like flying into ... unknown. 9 Escape ... ordinary. 10 How clever of you to help ... helpless and ... homeless.

**Упр. 8 Translate into English:**

1 Белинский, говоря о языке Пушкина – русском языке, писал: “Он нежен, сладостен, мягок как ропот волны; тягок и густ как смола; ярок как молния; прозрачен и чист как кристалл; душист как весна; крепок и могуч как удар меча в руке богатыря”. 2 На конференции присутствовали немцы, шведы, швейцарцы. 3 Для него демократия – это идеал. 4 “Война и мир” Л. Толстого – это классика русской литературы. 5 “Неприкасаемые” – моя любимая популярная группа. 6 Он работает как троянец. 7 Более двадцати процентов шведов имеют загородные дома. 8 Датчане – это люди, живущие в Дании. 9 – Как вы называете людей, живущих в Нидерландах? — Это голландцы. 10 Как истинный испанец, Хосе обожает корриду.

**Упр. 9 Readandtranslatetheproverbs. FindtheirRussianequivalents:**

1 Actions speak louder than words. 2 He who is absent is always in the wrong. 3 A bad excuse is better than none. 4 Better late than never. 5 It is better to be born lucky than rich. 6 A creaking door hangs longest. 7 The difficult is done at once; the impossible takes a little longer. 8 The best doctors are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet and Dr. Merryman. 9 Experience is the best teacher. 10 Fortune favours the brave.

**Упр. 10 Translate into English:**

1 Этот мастер говорит, что всегда готов помочь молодым. 2 Ей хорошо знакомы все те соблазны, которые искушают знаменитостей. 3 Он считает, что чем старше он становится, тем меньше он в чем-либо уверен. 4 Мы так устали от всех этих крайностей в погоде! 5 Она старалась не выделять любимчиков среди своих детей. 6 Мысли Лизы были о прошлом. Возможно, это было потому, что она не хотела думать о настоящем и будущем. 7 Я нисколько (ни в малейшей мере) не возражаю, если ты называешь меня прагматиком. Да, я не романтик. 8 Если у вас однажды появится привычка, то потом становится все труднее и труднее избавиться от нее. 9 Ссамого детства они были полными противоположностями по характеру. 10 С богатыми людьми очень трудно иметь дело, особенно когда дело касается их денег.

**Упр. 11 Use the dictionary to help you with this exercise:**

*a) Name the nationalities:*

1 Antigone is from Greece. She is ... . 2 Gareth is from Wales. He is ... . 3 Johan is from Holland. He is ... . 4 Teng is from China. He is .... 5 Ali is from Iraq. He is .... 6 Beatrice is from Switzerland. She is ... .

*b) Name the languages:*

l What language is spoken in Argentina? 2 What language is spoken in Brazil? 3 What language is spoken in Libya? 4 What language is spoken in Switzerland? 5 What language is spoken in Cyprus?