

Preparation for the Midterm Exam (20%)

- Please write your responses on the paper provided.
- You are allowed only pens or pencils (and erasers) – no notes or anything else.
- **Write legibly!** The teacher is not responsible for decoding your handwriting.

Questions

What are four ways that questions are commonly formed in spoken English? Give at least two examples of each. You do not have to discuss the differences in meaning – just state the forms and give examples.

Comparisons

Write sentences using the following as specified. These are all meant to evoke comparatives or superlatives. If you manage to get around that intention with some other sort of sentence, you may lose points. Also, if more than one term occurs in a sentence, that is incidental and does not count for more than the required term.

Hint: many of these require the word “than”.

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| 1. | more | occurring before the verb |
| 2. | –er | this suffix must go on an adjective – use it anywhere you can |
| 3. | –est | this suffix must go on an adjective – use it anywhere you can |
| 4. | most | as the last word in the sentence |
| 5. | less | as the word right after the verb |
| 6. | least | in a sentence beginning “The least . . .” |
| 7. | same | in a sentence ending “. . . the same.” |
| 8. | same as | in a sentence NOT using any form of BE as the main verb |
| 9. | as ___ as ___ | occurring after the verb (more than one word may fill in each blank) |
| 10. | fewer | as the first word in the sentence |

Relative Pronouns

Which sentence states that all of the trees are in front of the house? What does the other one state or imply? Explain. (Just two or three sentences should suffice.)

- A) The trees that are in front of the house are pines.
- B) The trees, which are in front of the house, are pines.

Who, whom, whose: Write sentences using all of these at least twice each. You could do that in as few as two sentences, but you may have more.

Error Correction

Correct the following sentences in the following sets. A sentence may have more than one error. You do not need to recopy the whole sentence – you can just cross out or add or change words as needed.

1. Less student we are in class, more we are able to follow the teacher.
2. Nigeria country is biggest than Guinea.
3. Running is as good for health as walking.
4. People talk fewer than they write.
5. Many words in English are same as in French.
6. Vikings ate more vegetables than Romans.
7. The English is more easier to learn than rocket science.
8. The bicycle is less expensive than car.
9. More coffee than water gets you energy.
10. Himalayas are the tallest mountains in the world.
11. This is as much difficult as I expected.

12. I walk as slowly as I run
13. This year, Mike takes fewer English courses than politics courses
14. Patricia is more talkative than we can think.
15. Jaguar is among the fastest animal in the world.
16. Are you agree with the Quebec's election results?
17. Do you know what does it mean "OK"?
18. Where am I suppose to found her?
19. What should I gotta do?
20. How much did you pay your English book?

Answer any ONE of the following three questions. Your answer should include as many of these modals as you can: *can, could, will, would, should, may, might, have to, must*. You do not have a specific word limit or number of sentences to write, but your answer should be reasonably complete – and include the modals just listed.

What are the seasons like in your country?

Which famous creative people do you know or like? (Or not like?)

What are the pros and cons of each: newspapers, TV, internet, radio?