

IBPS PO Prelims 2026

Parts of Speech - Practice Set 3 of 5

 **Focus: Adjective & Adverb**

 **Time: 15 Minutes**

 **Total: 20 Questions**

 Section A: Error Detection (Adj/Adv) - 8 Qs

 Section B: Fill in the Blanks (Adj/Adv) - 6 Qs

 Section C: Sentence Improvement - 4 Qs  Section D: Mixed Application - 2 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This practice set contains 20 questions based on ADJECTIVE and ADVERB only
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 15 minutes
- ✓ Focus on identifying correct usage of adjectives and adverbs, degrees of comparison, and common errors
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations given at the end
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy

SECTION A: Error Detection (Adjective & Adverb)

8 Questions

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to ADJECTIVE or ADVERB. Identify the part that contains the error. (A, B, C, or D). If no error, mark E.

Question 1

(A) She writes (B) very neat (C) and her handwriting (D) is beautiful (E) No error

- ☐ A. She writes
- ☐ B. very neat
- ☐ C. and her handwriting
- ☐ D. is beautiful
- ☐ E. No error

Question 2

(A) This is (B) the most unique (C) painting (D) I have ever seen (E) No error

- ☐ A. This is
- ☐ B. the most unique
- ☐ C. painting
- ☐ D. I have ever seen
- ☐ E. No error

Question 3

(A) Of the two sisters (B) she is (C) the most intelligent (D) and hardworking (E) No error

- ☐ A. Of the two sisters
- ☐ B. she is
- ☐ C. the most intelligent
- ☐ D. and hardworking
- ☐ E. No error

Question 4

(A) He ran (B) more quicker (C) than his opponent (D) and won the race. (E) No error

- ☐ A. He ran
- ☐ B. more quicker
- ☐ C. than his opponent
- ☐ D. and won the race
- ☐ E. No error

Question 5

(A) The flowers (B) smell sweetly (C) in the morning (D) after the rain. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The flowers
- ☐ B. smell sweetly
- ☐ C. in the morning
- ☐ D. after the rain
- ☐ E. No error

Question 6

(A) She is (B) elder than (C) her brother (D) by three years. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She is
- ☐ B. elder than
- ☐ C. her brother
- ☐ D. by three years
- ☐ E. No error

Question 7

(A) He worked (B) hardly to achieve (C) his goals (D) in life. (E) No error

- ☐ A. He worked
- ☐ B. hardly to achieve
- ☐ C. his goals
- ☐ D. in life
- ☐ E. No error

Question 8

(A) This is (B) the bestest (C) movie (D) I have ever watched. (E) No error

- ☐ A. This is
- ☐ B. the bestest
- ☐ C. movie
- ☐ D. I have ever watched
- ☐ E. No error

SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks (Adjective & Adverb)

6 Questions

Directions: Choose the correct adjective or adverb to fill in the blank.

Question 9

She is _____ than her sister in academics.

- ☐ A. more smarter
- ☐ B. smarter
- ☐ C. smartest
- ☐ D. more smart

Question 10

The soup tastes _____ because the chef added too much salt.

- ☐ A. badly
- ☐ B. bad
- ☐ C. worst
- ☐ D. worse

Question 11

Among all the students, Rohan is _____.

- ☐ A. more intelligent
- ☐ B. most intelligent
- ☐ C. intelligent
- ☐ D. more intelligent than

Question 12

He is _____ than his brother.

- ☐ A. more older
- ☐ B. older
- ☐ C. oldest
- ☐ D. elder

Question 13

She looked _____ at the party in her new dress.

- ☐ A. beautiful
- ☐ B. beautifully
- ☐ C. more beautiful
- ☐ D. most beautiful

Question 14

This is _____ beautiful painting I have ever seen.

- ☐ A. the more
- ☐ B. the most
- ☐ C. more
- ☐ D. most

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

4 Questions

Directions: Improve the underlined part of the sentence.

Question 15

She speaks English very fluent for a non-native speaker.

- ☐ A. very fluent
- ☐ B. very fluently
- ☐ C. more fluent
- ☐ D. most fluent

Question 16

This is the most perfect solution to the problem.

- ☐ A. most perfect
- ☐ B. perfect
- ☐ C. more perfect
- ☐ D. most perfectest

Question 17

He behaves very polite with everyone he meets.

- ☐ A. very polite
- ☐ B. very politely
- ☐ C. more polite
- ☐ D. most polite

Question 18

She is the most prettiest girl in the class.

- ☐ A. most prettiest
- ☐ B. prettiest
- ☐ C. more prettier
- ☐ D. most pretty

SECTION D: Mixed Application

2 Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the concepts of Adjective and Adverb.

Question 19

Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- ☐ A. She sings very beautiful.
- ☐ B. She sings very beautifully.
- ☐ C. She sings very beautiful song.
- ☐ D. She sings beautifully song.

Question 20

Identify the correct pair of adjective and adverb from the options:

- ☐ A. Quick - Quicker
- ☐ B. Beautiful - Beautifully
- ☐ C. Hard - Harder
- ☐ D. Fast - Fastly



Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Error Detection (Adjective & Adverb)

Q1. Answer: B. very neat

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Writes" is a verb, so it should be modified by an adverb, not an adjective. "Neat" is an adjective, but we need the adverb "neatly". Correct: "She writes very neatly..."

📌 **Rule:** Verbs are modified by adverbs (usually ending in -ly). Adjectives modify nouns.

Q2. Answer: B. the most unique

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Unique" means one of a kind and cannot be compared. It is an absolute adjective and does not have comparative or superlative forms. Correct: "This is a unique painting..."

📌 **Rule:** Absolute adjectives (unique, perfect, complete, dead, impossible) cannot be compared. They have no comparative or superlative forms.

Q3. Answer: C. the most intelligent

✓ **Correct Answer: C**

Explanation: When comparing two people or things, we use comparative degree, not superlative. Here, "two sisters" means comparison between two, so "more intelligent" is correct. Correct: "...she is the more intelligent..."

📌 **Rule:** Comparative degree (more/er) is used for comparing two items. Superlative degree (most/est) is used for comparing three or more.

Q4. Answer: B. more quicker

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Quick" is a one-syllable adjective, so its comparative form is "quicker". Adding "more" creates a double comparative which is incorrect. Correct: "He ran quicker than his opponent..."

📌 **Rule:** One-syllable adjectives take -er/-est. Two-syllable adjectives take more/most. Never use both (no more quicker, more better).

Q5. Answer: B. smell sweetly

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Smell" is a linking verb (sense verb). Linking verbs are followed by adjectives, not adverbs. "Sweet" is the correct adjective. Correct: "The flowers smell sweet..."

📌 **Rule:** Linking verbs (be, seem, appear, feel, look, smell, taste, sound, become) take adjectives, not adverbs.

Q6. Answer: B. elder than

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Elder" is used only for family members and is followed by "to", not "than". Also, "elder" cannot be used with "than". Correct: "She is older than her brother" OR "She is elder to her brother."

📌 **Rule:** Elder/eldest is used for family members and takes "to". Older/oldest is used for comparisons with "than".

Q7. Answer: B. hardly to achieve

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Hardly" means "almost not" or "scarcely". The intended meaning is "with great effort", which is expressed by "hard". Correct: "He worked hard to achieve his goals..."

📌 **Rule:** Hard = with effort, Hardly = almost not. Other such pairs: late (after time) / lately (recently), near (close) / nearly (almost).

Q8. Answer: B. the bestest

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Best" is already the superlative form of "good". "Bestest" is not a proper word and creates a double superlative. Correct: "This is the best movie..."

 **Rule:** Irregular adjectives: good-better-best, bad-worse-worst, many/much-more-most. Never add -er/-est or more/most to these forms.

SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks (Adjective & Adverb)

Q9. Answer: B. smarter

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: Comparative degree is needed because comparison is between two people. "Smarter" is the correct comparative form of "smart".

Q10. Answer: B. bad

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Tastes" is a linking verb, so it requires an adjective. "Bad" is the correct adjective. "Badly" would be incorrect here.

Q11. Answer: B. most intelligent

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Among all" indicates comparison of more than two people, so superlative degree "most intelligent" is correct.

Q12. Answer: B. older

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: For comparing age between two people (non-family members), "older" is used with "than". "Elder" is used for family members and with "to".

Q13. Answer: A. beautiful

✓ **Correct Answer: A**

Explanation: "Looked" is a linking verb, so it requires an adjective. "Beautiful" is the correct adjective describing how she appeared.

Q14. Answer: B. the most

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "I have ever seen" indicates a comparison with all paintings, so superlative degree "the most beautiful" is correct.

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

Q15. Answer: B. very fluently

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Speaks" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Fluently" is the correct adverb form.

Q16. Answer: B. perfect

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Perfect" is an absolute adjective and cannot be compared. It should be used without "most" or "more".

Q17. Answer: B. very politely

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Behaves" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Politely" is the correct adverb form.

Q18. Answer: B. prettiest

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Most prettiest" is a double superlative. "Prettiest" is the correct superlative form.

SECTION D: Mixed Application

Q19. Answer: B. She sings very beautifully.

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Sings" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Beautifully" is the correct adverb. Options A and D have adjective-noun confusion, C is grammatically incorrect.

Q20. Answer: B. Beautiful - Beautifully

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Beautiful" is an adjective, "beautifully" is its adverb form. "Quick/quickly" would be correct, but "quicker" is comparative. "Hard" works as both adjective and adverb. "Fast" works as both, "fastly" is incorrect.

Performance Tracker

Fill in your scores below to track your progress:

Section	Total Questions	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
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TOTAL	20	___	___	___ %

 Score Interpretation:

- **18-20 correct:** Excellent! You've mastered Adjective & Adverb concepts.
- **15-17 correct:** Good, but need to work on linking verbs and degrees of comparison.
- **12-14 correct:** Average - review the rules about adjective vs adverb and absolute adjectives.
- **Below 12:** Need significant improvement - study the rules again carefully.

 Important Adjective & Adverb Rules Covered in this Set

- ✂ **Rule 1:** Adjectives modify nouns, adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.
- ✂ **Rule 2:** Linking verbs (be, seem, appear, feel, look, smell, taste, sound, become) take adjectives, not adverbs.
- ✂ **Rule 3:** Absolute adjectives (unique, perfect, complete, dead, impossible) cannot be compared.
- ✂ **Rule 4:** Comparative degree for two items, superlative for three or more.
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- ✂ **Rule 6:** Irregular adjectives: good-better-best, bad-worse-worst, many/much-more-most, little-less-least.
- ✂ **Rule 7:** Elder/eldest for family members with "to"; older/oldest for all comparisons with "than".
- ✂ **Rule 8:** Hard (with effort) vs Hardly (almost not); Late (after time) vs Lately (recently); Near (close) vs Nearly (almost).
- ✂ **Rule 9:** Adverbs of manner usually end in -ly, but not always (fast, hard, well).
- ✂ **Rule 10:** "More" and "most" are never used with -er/-est endings.

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