

SBI PO Prelims 2026

Parts of Speech - Practice Set 3 of 5

 **Focus: Adjective & Adverb (High Level)**

 **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 high-level questions on ADJECTIVE and ADVERB for SBI PO
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 15 minutes
- ✓ SBI PO level questions include tricky adjective-adverb confusions, degrees of comparison, and absolute adjectives
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ 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**Hard**

(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**Hard**

(A) This is (B) the most unique (C) opportunity (D) I have ever had. (E) No error

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

Question 3**Hard**

(A) She is (B) more taller (C) than her sister (D) by three inches. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She is
- ☐ B. more taller
- ☐ C. than her sister
- ☐ D. by three inches
- ☐ E. No error

Question 4**Hard**

(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 5**Hard**

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

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

Question 6**Hard**

(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

Question 7**Hard**

(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 8**Hard**

(A) She speaks English (B) very fluent (C) for a non-native (D) speaker. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She speaks English
- ☐ B. very fluent
- ☐ C. for a non-native
- ☐ D. speaker
- ☐ 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**Medium**

She is _____ than her sister in academics.

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

Question 10**Hard**

The soup tastes _____ because the chef forgot to add salt.

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

Question 11**Hard**

Among all the students in the class, Rohan is _____.

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

Question 12**Hard**

He is _____ than his brother by five years.

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

Question 13**Hard**

She looked _____ at the party in her new designer dress.

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

Question 14**Hard**

This is _____ beautiful painting I have ever seen in my life.

- ☐ 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**Hard**

She sings very beautiful.

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

Question 16**Hard**

This is the most perfect solution to the problem.

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

Question 17**Hard**

He behaves very polite with everyone he meets.

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

Question 18**Hard**

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 Adjective and Adverb.

Question 19**Hard**

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**Hard**

Choose 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

 **B**

"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".

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

Q2. Answer: B. the most unique

 **B**

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

 Absolute adjectives (unique, perfect, complete, dead, impossible) cannot be compared.

Q3. Answer: B. more taller

 **B**

"Quick" is a one-syllable adjective, so its comparative form is "quicker". Adding "more" creates a double comparative which is incorrect.

 One-syllable adjectives take -er/-est. Never use both (no more quicker, more better).

Q4. Answer: B. smell sweetly

 **B**

"Smell" is a linking verb (sense verb). Linking verbs are followed by adjectives, not adverbs. "Sweet" is the correct adjective.

📌 Linking verbs (be, seem, appear, feel, look, smell, taste, sound, become) take adjectives.

Q5. Answer: B. hardly to achieve

✅ B

"Hardly" means "almost not" or "scarcely". The intended meaning is "with great effort", which is expressed by "hard".

📌 Hard = with effort, Hardly = almost not. Other such pairs: late/lately, near/nearly.

Q6. Answer: B. the bestest

✅ B

"Best" is already the superlative form of "good". "Bestest" is not a proper word and creates a double superlative.

📌 Irregular adjectives: good-better-best, bad-worse-worst, many/much-more-most.

Q7. Answer: B. elder than

✅ B

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

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

Q8. Answer: B. very fluent

✅ B

"Speaks" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Fluent" is an adjective, but we need the adverb "fluently".

📌 Verbs take adverbs, adjectives describe nouns.

Q9. Answer: B. smarter

 **B**

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

Q10. Answer: B. bad

 **B**

"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

 **B**

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

Q12. Answer: B. older

 **B**

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

Q13. Answer: A. beautiful

 **A**

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

Q14. Answer: B. the most

 **B**

"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 beautifully

☒ B

"Sings" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Beautifully" is the correct adverb form.

Q16. Answer: B. perfect

☒ B

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

Q17. Answer: B. very politely

☒ B

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

Q18. Answer: B. prettiest

☒ B

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

SECTION D: Mixed Application

Q19. Answer: B. She sings very beautifully.

☒ B

"Sings" is a verb, so it needs an adverb. "Beautifully" is the correct adverb.

Q20. Answer: B. Beautiful - Beautifully

✓ B

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

Performance Tracker

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Error Detection)	8	___	___	___%
Section B (Fill in Blanks)	6	___	___	___%
Section C (Improvement)	4	___	___	___%
Section D (Application)	2	___	___	___%
TOTAL	20	___	___	___%

 **Score Interpretation (SBI PO Level):** 17-20: Excellent | 14-16: Good | 10-13: Average | Below 10: Need Improvement

Important Adjective & Adverb Rules (SBI PO Level)

-  **Adjective vs Adverb:** Adjectives modify nouns, adverbs modify verbs/adjectives/adverbs
-  **Linking Verbs:** be, seem, appear, feel, look, smell, taste, sound, become → take adjectives
-  **Absolute Adjectives:** unique, perfect, complete, dead, impossible → cannot be compared
-  **Degrees of Comparison:** Two items → comparative (-er/more), Three+ → superlative (-est/most)

✚ **No Double Comparatives/Superlatives:** more better ✖, most best ✖, more quicker ✖

✚ **Hard vs Hardly:** Hard = with effort, Hardly = almost not

✚ **Elder vs Older:** Elder for family + to, Older for all + than

✚ **Adverb Formation:** Most adverbs add -ly to adjective (quick → quickly)

✚ **Irregular Adjectives:** good-better-best, bad-worse-worst, much-more-most, little-less-least

✚ **Late vs Lately:** Late = after time, Lately = recently

✚ **Near vs Nearly:** Near = close, Nearly = almost

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