

## Sentence correction – Plural – Degree - Places Questions

Aspirants!!!

Shall we look on next grammar section on TNPSC General English. In this article, we are going to see sentence correction, correct plural form, Correct degree and Question from the following description of places.

### TNPSC Grammar

#### Plural Form

Noun which are plural in form but take singular verb.

The Subject such as Physics, Economics, Mechanics, Politics are plural in form. But it takes singular verb.

**Example:** Athletics, Gymnastics, Linguistics, Pyrotechnics, news, mumps and measles are common.

#### Plurals

1. Analysis – Analyses
2. Curriculum – Curricula
3. Corpus – Corpora
4. Genus – Genera
5. Bureau – Bureaus
6. Maid-Servant – Maid – Servants
7. Passer-by – Passers-by
8. Chief – Chiefs
9. Proof – Proofs
10. Dwarf – Dwarfs
11. Axis – Axes
12. Syllabus – Syllabi
13. Cactus \_ Cacti
14. Ox-Oxen
15. Child – Children

#### Questions:

1. The right plural form for the word underlined in the following sentence is \_\_\_\_\_  
John speaks without basis.  
a) Basises   b) Basics   c) Basal   d) Bases

**Answer: D**

Some of the special examples with explanation are also given below in the uploaded image.

**I) Simple rules for plurals**

**a) add' - s'**

words ending in consonants

boy	-	boys
desk	-	desks
book	-	books
cow	-	cows

**b) add' - es'**

words ending in -s, -sh, -ch, -x

class	-	classes
brush	-	brushes
tax	-	taxes
dish	-	dishes

**b) add' - es'**

words ending in vowels

buffalo	-	buffaloes
negro	-	negroes
hero	-	heroes
echo	-	echoes

**d) add' - s'**

word ending in vowels - exceptions

dynamo	-	dynamos
piano	-	pianos
kilo	-	kilos
ratio	-	ratios

**e) Change 'y' into 'ies'**

baby	-	babies
army	-	armies
city	-	cities
story	-	stories

**f) Change of inside vowel**

man	-	men
woman	-	women
mouse	-	mice
goose	-	geese
tooth	-	teeth

**TNPSC General English Grammar part**

**Correct Degree**

The degree of comparison are of 3 types such as Positive, Comparative and Superlative.

**Positive Degree:**

It is used to denote the mere existence of quality.

**EX:** The Dog is a faithful animal.

Joe is a clever boy.

**Comparative Degree:**

It is used to compare the quality of two person or things.

**EX:** Khan is shorter than Gopi

The Lion is stronger than the Tiger.

**Superlative Degree:**

It is used when more than two person or things are compared.

**EX:** Elephant is the biggest animal on land.

**Examples:**

1. No other boy in the class is so **tall as** Arun. – Positive Degree
2. Very few girls are **as tall as** Rani – Positive Degree
3. Mohan is **taller** than Charles – Comparative Degree
4. Sita is atleast **as tall as** Leela. – Positive Degree
5. Arun is the **tallest** boy in the class. – Superlative Degree

**Questions**

1. Identify the sentence which is in the superlative degree
  - a) All his colleagues are senior to him
  - b) The nearest railway station is 2kms from here.
  - c) My Knife is sharper than yours
  - d) Of the two evils, choose the less

**Answer: B**

2. Rani is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ girl.
  - a) Tall b) Taller c) Tallest d) as tall as

**Answer: C**

**Know more examples in degree comparison**

**By adding 'er' & 'est'**

Bright brighter brightest  
Rich richer richest  
Great greater greatest  
Long longer longest

**By adding 'r' & 'st'**

Nice nicer nicest  
Brave braver bravest  
Large larger largest  
Wise wiser wisest

**By deleting the final 'y' and adding 'ier' & 'iest'**

Heavy heavier heaviest  
Ugly uglier ugliest  
Lovely lovelier loveliest  
Easy easier easiest

**By doubling the final consonants**

Big bigger biggest  
Hot hotter hottest  
Fat fatter fattest  
Dim dimmer dimmest

**By using more & most**

Beautiful more beautiful most beautiful  
Difficult more difficult most difficult  
Useful more useful most useful  
Valuable more valuable most valuable  
Popular more popular most popular

## Sentence Correction

To make correction in sentence, one must know all concepts in grammar such as tense, voice, adverb, adjective, preposition, article, Etc. So this section, bit difficult if you can't find out the grammatical errors or suitable options for the given sentence.

### Example:

1. Pick out the sentence which is grammatically correct and meaningful.
  - a) Do not alter the course of action
  - b) The carpenter cut off a large bow of timber.
  - c) The landscape was bear
  - d) The site of our college building is very beautiful.

See whether you can answer it or not.

2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate conditional.

You had better consult a doctor \_\_\_\_\_ your condition will become worse.

- a) Unless
- b) Otherwise
- c) Provided that
- d) In case

**Answer: B**

3. Choose the correct option for the below sentence.

He used to visit us every week, but \_\_\_\_\_ now.

- a) Rarely comes
- b) was rarely coming
- c) has rarely come
- d) had rarely come

**Answer: A**

## TNPSC GE : Description of places

The questions will be asked from topics such as, " **To the land of Snow** ", " **Yaanai Malai** " and " **Brihadeesvarar Temple** ". Surely one to two questions will be asked from these chapters.

### Examples

The Granary of Tamil Nadu - Thanjavur

The Brihadeesvarar Temple built in 1010.

Who built Brihadeesvarar temple? – King Raja Raja Chola

Like this, we need to read all these chapters with special care.

### Questions

What is the speciality of the “Vimanams” of the Brihadeesvarar temple?

- a) Built of teak wood
- b) Built with a special kind of Mortar.
- c) Built with stones with bonding and notching.
- d) Built up without the use of Mortor.

**Answer: D**

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