Comparing Decimals

Since decimals are fractions, you compare decimals the same way you compare fractions. You find a common denominator and make equivalent fractions. The fraction with the largest numerator is the largest fraction.

Now, how does that work with decimals?

To compare decimal numerals you:

1) Write the decimals so that each decimal numeral has the same number of digits (add zeros) to the right of the decimal point – a common denominator.

2) Forget about the decimal points, the largest number will be the largest decimal numeral.