

I. Choose the correct answer

1. **Although** **Despite** the traffic, we made it to school on time
2. Tom loves playing football **while** / **despite** Paul prefers basketball.
3. **In spite of** / **Although** I didn't study, I passed the exam.
4. **Whereas** / **Despite** Johnny eats fish, his brother won't touch it.
5. Living in big cities is advantageous. **In contrast/ In the contrary**, living in rural areas limits the employment chances.
6. Silly is clever. **While** / **Nevertheless**, he doesn't work hard at school.
7. No matter **how/ where** hard-working she is, she wasn't chosen.
8. **Despite** / **While** going on a diet, she put on five kilos.
9. **In spite of** / **Whatever** I say, she doesn't believe me.
10. My mother is French **whereas** / **even though** my father is Polish.
11. **However/ No matter** persuasive you may be, I won't change my mind.
12. **Even though** / **Despite** we're good friends, we don't meet very often.
13. **No matter what/ No matter how** clever he is, he failed the test.
14. **Even though** / **Despite** the fact that he had little money, he insisted on paying for the meal.
15. **However hard/ No matter hard** I tried, I couldn't fix that car
16. Women can participate in the contest **irrespective /despite** of their backgrounds and appearances.
17. **Hardworking as/ Though hardworking** he was, he couldn't pass the exam

II. Sentence writing

1. I have tried hard, but I can't tolerate his impatience.
→ However....., I can't tolerate his impatience.
2. Although he was very tired, he tried to help me with my homework.
-> Despite....., he tried to help me with my homework.
3. Although she is ill, she manages to join the race
Despite, he tried to help me with my homework.
4. The wind was cold this morning but we went for a walk.
Despite....., we went for a walk.
5. We came on time even though it rained heavily
In spite....., we came on time
6. Although he is caught speeding, he drives dangerously.
In spite of....., he drives dangerously.

7. She managed to walk despite her broken leg

Even though her, she managed to walk.

8. He tried as hard as he could, but he couldn't get the scholarship

However, he couldn't get the scholarship

9. She was determined, but she couldn't reach the target

Determined....., she couldn't reach the target

10. No matter what other people say, I will trust him

Whatever....., I will trust him

11. Though he drove carefully, he caused accidents

-> Carefully, he caused accidents

III. Choose the correct answer

1. No matter____, Mozart was an accomplished composer while still a child.

A. how it seems remarkable

C. it seems remarkable how

B. how remarkable it seems

D. how seems it remarkable

2. _____ all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.

A. Although

B. Because

C. Because of

D. In spite of

3. Any child has the right to an education _____ of race or nationality.

A. regardless

B. providing

C. despite

D. because

4. _____, he remained optimistic.

A. Though badly wounded he was

B. Badly wounded as he was

C. As he was badly wounded

D. As badly wounded he was.

5: You must always have a good breakfast every morning _____ late you are.

A. even if

B. no matter

C. whatever

D. however

6. Intelligent_____ he is, he has no basic common sense

A. although

B. while

C. however

D. though

7. _____ the actors were unknown, the film was extremely popular

A. Although

B. Because of

C. Despite

D. Owing to

8. Interesting as _____, I don't think they are quite educational

A. TV shows as these

B. these TV shows are

C. these are TV shows

D. these TV show

9. One difference between mathematics and language is that mathematics is precise _____.

A. language is not

B. while language is not

C. but language not

D. while is not language

10: _____ the United States consists of many different immigrant groups, many sociologists believe there is a distinct national character

- A. Even though B. Despite C. Whether D. In spite of

11 _____, they slept soundly.

- A. Hot though was the night air B. Hot though the night air was
C. Hot although the night air was D. Hot the night air as was

12. _____ appear, they are really much larger than the Earth.

- A. Small as the stars B. As the small stars
C. The stars as small D. Despite of the small stars

13. The doctor knows that it is very difficult to save the patient's life, _____ they will try their best.

- A. but B. although C. despite D. however

14. _____, she appeared very happy after the birth of her child

- A. She was tired B. As tired C. Despite tired D. Tired as he was

15 _____, the results couldn't be better

- A. No matter what he tried hard B. No matter how hard he tried
C. Although very hard he tried D. Despite how hard he tried

16. _____, he felt so unhappy and lonely

- A. Despite of his wealth B. Rich as he was
C. Rich as was he D. Despite he was so rich

17. All eligible candidates may apply for the vacant position _____ their gender, religion or ethnic group.

- A. without regards B. regards C. regarding D. regardless of

18. _____ they are tropical birds, parrots can live in temperate or even cold climates.

- A. Even though B. In spite of C. Nevertheless D. Despite

19. In spite of _____, we decided to go out.

- A. we felt very tired B. feeling tired C. all of us felt tired D. tired

20. _____ I'd like to help you out, I'm afraid I just haven't got any spare money at the moment.

- A. Even B. Despite C. Much as D. Try as

21. _____ how much money she spends on her clothes, she never looks well-dressed.

- A. Despite B. Without C. Regardless D. No matter

22. _____ her lack of hard work, she was promoted

- A. In spite B. though C. In spite of D. Despite of

23. _____, he walked to the station

- A. Despite being tired B. Although to be tired C. In spite being tired D. Despite tired

24. ____ he always did well on his English tests, his parents were not surprised that he got on an A.

- A. When B. Since C. Although D. While

25: ____ Michelle tried hard, she didn't manage to win the competition.

- A. No matter how B. Even though C. In spite of D. Nevertheless

26. Steve is an interesting storyteller while his brother ____

- A. is a newspaper reporter B. knows a lot of stories too
C. bores other people by talking about himself all the time D. has four children

27 _____, he could not lift the trap door.

- A. As he was strong B. Strong as was he C. As strong he was D. Strong as he was

28. Some people like cream and sugar in their coffee, while _____

- A. others like it black B. milk is good in coffee too
C. others drink hot coffee D. sugar can cause cavities

29. Whereas some parts of the world get an abundance in rain, others ____

- A. are warm and humid B. get little or none C. are cold and wet D. get a lot

30: _____, we tried our best to complete it.

- A. Thanks to the difficult homework B. Despite the homework was difficult
C. Difficult as the homework was D. As though the homework was difficult

IV. Find out ONE MISTAKE

1: (A) How hard she (B) has tried, she never seems (C) to succeed in her (D) career.

2. (A) Although their reflection of a strong (B) social conscience, Arthur Miller's works are more concerned (C) with individuals (D) than with systems.

3. Tom (A)'s very good (B) at science (C) when his brother is (D) absolutely hopeless

4. He decided (A) not to get the job (B) in spite of the salary (C) was (D) satisfactory

5. (A) Many as he loves her, he will (B) never forgive her (C) for lying (D) to him

6. (A) No matter (B) hardly I tried, I (C) couldn't persuade him (D) to change his mind

7. Although I didn't (A) personally see who was responsible (B) for this mess, (C) but I think I can (D) make a guess.

8. Full-time jobs (A) for men are (B) declining, (C) although more women (D) are finding part- and full-time jobs

9. Tom likes to gossip about (A) other people, (B) so he doesn't like (C) them to gossip (D) about him.

V. Sentence transformation

1. We were satisfied with the hotel's service despite the noise

- A. Despite the hotel is noisy, we were happy with the hotel's service

- B. We couldn't stand the noise so we were unhappy with the hotel's service
- C. We couldn't stand the noise. On the other hand, we were happy with the hotel..
- D. Because of the noise, we were dissatisfied with the hotel's service.

2. Young as he is, he has a big fortune

- A. Although he is young, he has a big fortune
- B. He has a big fortune because he is young
- C. He is not only young but also has a big fortune
- D. Despite his young age, he doesn't have a big fortune

3. I tried to persuade her. However, I didn't succeed

- A. However I tried to persuade her, I didn't succeed
- B. Hard as I tried to persuade her, I didn't succeed
- C. Despite of my effort to persuade her, I didn't succeed
- D. No matter what I tried to persuade her, I didn't succeed

4. He was very tired, but he kept on walking

- A. Despite he was very tired, he kept on walking.
- B. In spite of he was very tired, he kept on walking
- C. He was tired. Nonetheless, he kept on walking
- D. Though his tiredness, he kept on walking

5. His leg was injured, yet he managed to drive the car

- A. In spite of the fact that his injured leg, he managed to drive the car
- B. Despite his leg was injured, he managed to drive the car.
- C. Injured as his leg was, he managed to drive the car
- D. Although his leg was injured, he managed to drive the car

6: Although he appears honest, I can't confide in him

- A. Despite being honest, I can't confide in him
- B. Honest though he appears, I can't confide in him
- C. In spite of he is honest, I can't confide in him
- D. Honest as he appear, I can't confide in him

7. The plan may be ingenious. It will never work in practice.

- A. Ingenious as it may be, the plan will never work in practice.
- B. Ingenious as may the plan, it will never work in practice.
- C. The plan may be too ingenious to work in practice.
- D. The plan is as impractical as it is ingenious.

8. Though he tried hard, he didn't succeed.

- A. However he tried hard, he didn't succeed.
- B. However hard he tried, he didn't succeed.
- C. However he didn't succeed hard, he tried hard.
- D. However he tried hard, but he didn't succeed.

9. Crazianna is a big country. Unfortunately, it has never received respect from its neighbors.

- A. Though Crazianna is a big country, it has never received respect from its neighbors.
- B. Crazianna has never received respect from its neighbors because it is a big country.
- C. It is Crazianna, a big country, that has never received respect from its neighbors.
- D. Crazianna is such a big country that it has never received respect from its neighbors.

10. Wealthy as they were, they were far from happy.

- A. Even if they were wealthy, they were not unhappy.
- B. They were not happy as they were wealthy.
- C. They were as wealthy as they were happy.
- D. Although they were wealthy, they were not happy.

11. They were extremely exhausted. Nevertheless, they were determined to continue their hiking

- A. They were so exhausted that they were determined to continue their hiking
- B. Being extremely exhausted, they were determined to continue their hiking
- C. As a result of their exhaustion, they were determined to continue their hiking
- D. Tired as they might be, they were determined to continue their hiking