A For and Against Essay

1. Look at the connectors below. Circle the ones which are used to connect two similar ideas. Underline the ones which are used to show contrast.

in addition | however | as well as | also | despite | while | moreover | on the other hand |

nevertheless | furthermore | although

2. Choose the correct answer.

1 The new shirt they're advertising can measure your blood pressure **as well as** / **also** your heart rate.

2 **However** / **While** global communication has advanced greatly, plane travel is the same as it was 50 years ago.

3 Robotics is a difficult subject to study. **Nevertheless** / **In addition**, it can be fascinating.

4 Many workers in industry have lost their jobs to robots. **Furthermore** / **Despite this**, robots may soon replace secretaries and shop assistants.

5 **Even though** / **Moreover** I own a 3D printer, I don't really use it a lot.

3. Choose the correct answer.

1. I really want to buy these jeans. **However** / **On the one hand**, they cost too much.
2. The company spent a lot of money on adverts. **Although** / **Nevertheless**, they weren't very effective.
3. That restaurant is very popular, **but** / **on the other hand** I don't enjoy the food there.
4. **Even though** / **However** everyone said the car was a bargain, I decided not to buy it.
5. **On the one hand** / **Although** I knew the shoes wouldn't fit me, I tried them on anyway.

4. Look at the expressions below and answer the questions that follow.

For this reason, ... • On the other hand, ... • It is a fact that ... • On the one hand, ...
In addition, ... • It is true that ...

1. Which two expressions are usually used together to compare two completely different ideas?

   ..... and .....
2. Which two expressions are used to show facts? ..... and .....
3. Which expression shows a result? .....
4. Which expression gives extra information about a subject? .....

5. These sentences are taken from a for and against essay. Write where they belong: O (in the opening), B (in the body) or C (in the closing).

1 To sum up, I believe that driverless cars can solve many of the problems on our roads today. .....

2 Several companies are developing cars that can drive themselves. .....

3 On the one hand, people do not trust this new technology. .....

4 This is because they leave no room for the human errors that cause accidents. .....

5 The question is, are driverless cars a good idea? .....

6 On the other hand, driverless cars may be much safer than the cars we use today. .....

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