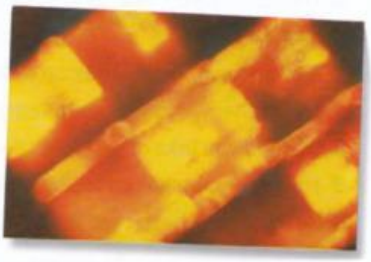
B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

1 Why do I always **get the blame** _____ everything that goes wrong?
2 The whole country was **shocked** _____ the President's sudden death.
3 Both parties **put the blame** _____ each other _____ the collapse of peace negotiations .
4 Jane's friends were **envious** _____ her rise to fame and fortune.
5 Don't **blame me** _____ the misunderstanding. I tried my best.
6 The well-known businessman was **sentenced** _____ three years in jail for fraud.
7 People are usually **suspicious** _____ politicians making promises during election time.

Grammar Revision (Clauses of concession, reason, purpose and result)

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A Read the text below and complete each blank with one word.

The production of items made of gold dates back to ancient Egyptian and Minoan times, when gold was panned (1) _____ the aim of making golden bowls and cups. Gold was usually found in river beds, (2) _____, in (3) _____ to pan for gold, a circular dish (pan) was filled with a mixture of sand and gravel that contained gold. So (4) _____ to obtain the gold, this mixture was held under a stream of water and swirled (5) _____ that the lighter parts would slowly wash away and the gold particles would collect at the bottom of the pan.
(6) _____ gold was a scarce metal, it was used as a form of exchange, and (7) _____ it became the basis for international transactions. Over time, new mining techniques developed and elaborate methods were adopted because (8) _____ the demand for gold.
(9) _____ to its huge reserves, South Africa has always been the world's leading supplier of gold (10) _____ the discovery of gold in California and Australia in the 1840s.
Gold is stored in reserve by many governments. In Fort Knox, USA, alone, there are thirty-eight billion dollars worth of gold bars secured behind a twenty-ton door. In (11) _____ of these resources, however, financial circles predict a decline in the demand for gold. Gold was once a powerful currency, (12) _____ nowadays it seems to have lost much of its glitter.

B Rewrite the following sentences so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first. Begin with the word(s) given.

1 They never help the poor even though they are very wealthy.
Despite _____.
2 However well he performed, he didn't win the first prize.
No matter _____.
3 Even though I was sick, I tried not to fall behind with my homework.
Sick _____.
4 In spite of his disability, he managed to get on with his life.
Although _____.
5 She is so friendly that everyone wants to hang out with her.
She is such _____.
6 All flights were delayed yesterday because there was an accident on the runway.
Due _____.

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