

Practice

Fill in the gaps with the correct connector. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. _____ I'm not used to interpret simultaneously, I did it quite well during my first day of work.
2. _____ the computer manufacturers have agreed to replace the computers free of charge, the new computers will not be installed for at least three months.
3. _____ the car is old, it is still reliable.
4. Be careful when handling a knife _____ not to get injured.
5. Buying a house is expensive. It is, _____, a good investment.
6. Guardiola trained hard for years and, _____, he became one of the best football players in Spain.
7. Handle the flowers carefully _____ not to damage them.
8. He chose this University _____ he could study English.
9. He spoke Russian _____ well _____ everyone thought he was Russian.
10. He was _____ tired _____ he went to bed early.
11. His wife left him and, _____, he became very depressed.
12. I don't really want to go out tonight. _____ there is a good film on TV.
13. I studied a lot. _____ I got an excellent mark.
14. I turned off the radio _____ I could hear my thoughts.
15. I went to the music shop _____ buy the last Eagles CD.
16. I'm determined to buy a house this year. I don't know where exactly, _____.
17. _____ it was snowing, the festival took place as usual.
18. _____ the noise, the students could study for their test.
19. _____ the rain, I went for a walk.
20. It was late _____ he decided to take a taxi home.
21. It was _____ a difficult exam _____ he knew he wouldn't pass it.
22. You really must make up your mind. It's a big decision to make, _____.
23. It's _____ a cold day _____ I will stay in bed.
24. John is very rich _____ his friends are extremely poor.
25. Many of the deaths of older people are _____ heart attacks.
26. Many people think scientists are abusing of animals. _____, those people do nothing to stop the problem.
27. Mrs. Dean was sleeping, _____ she didn't hear the thief.
28. Mrs. Smith is an intelligent and stimulating teacher. _____ she takes an interest in the personal well-being of her students; _____ is Mrs. Smith an intelligent and stimulating teacher _____ she _____ takes an interest in the personal well-being of her students.
29. She _____ writes novels _____ she _____ teaches.
30. _____ we arrived late, all the best seats had been taken.
31. Students have learnt a lot _____ this new project.
32. Computer manufacturers have agreed to replace the computers free of charge, _____ the new computers will not be installed for at least three months.

33. Computer manufacturers have agreed to replace the system free of charge. _____, the new equipment will not be installed for at least three months.
34. _____ computer manufacturers have agreed to replace the system free of charge, the new equipment will not be installed for at least three months.
35. The film was _____ boring _____ I went out before the end.
36. The food was bad and, _____, we didn't eat it.
37. The house was _____ large _____ it was _____ modern.
38. The painting is _____ valuable _____ a work of art.
39. The Pope couldn't travel _____ the bad weather.
40. The secretary types _____ quickly _____ she always has her work in time.
41. We are unable to go by train _____ the rail strike.
42. We came to the countryside _____ find some peace and quiet.

A number of writers have claimed that Asian women are now as free as their Western counterparts to get divorced. _____, the average Asian woman does not really have the same freedom to get divorced if she is in an unhappy marriage.

Statistics clearly show that in the West, it is women, relatively independent in attitude and finances, who initiate most divorces. Unfortunately, many Asian women still depend financially on their husbands and, _____, may have to endure an unhappy marriage.

Another important point is that some countries, the Philippines for example, do not permit divorce and, even if an Asian woman is prepared to live in relative poverty, she is likely to suffer from social problems related to divorce. _____ the problems, the Asian divorce rate is slowly increasing.