STATING CAUSES AND EFFECTS – TOPIC: THE ENVIRONMENT

Task 1. Complete the following exercises about Cause and Effect Conjunctions. Drag them to the correct blank.

so
since/as
therefore
due to/owing to
as a result
Since/As
because

1. They traveled to India _____ they wanted to try traditional Indian food.
2. He doesn't agree with her, _____ her absurd ideas.
3. I decided to buy natural yoghurt _____ John wants to be healthy.
4. _____ we were not invited to their party, we had our own party at home.
5. We were very hungry, _____ we ordered a pizza.
6. I couldn't drive for a year _____ of the accident.
7. He wanted to find a new job, _____ he started looking for one.

Task 2. Choose the correct answers.

1. Many species of wildlife are becoming extinct _____ the rainforests are being destroyed.

A. therefore B. since C. so D. consequently

2. _____ logging provides jobs and profits, the government is reluctant to control it.

A. So B. Consequently C. Due to D. Since

3. Hemp can be used to make paper, _____ it could reduce the need for logging.

A. Therefore B. so C. due to D. because

4. Hemp was grown throughout history _____ its versatility; it can be used to make many different things.

A. due to B. because C. since D. as a result

5. Hemp is related to the marijuana plant; _____, it is illegal in many countries.

A. So B. because C. due to D. as a result

6. Hemp cannot be used to produce marijuana _____ its low THC content.

A. because B. as C. because of D. consequently

7. Marijuana is less toxic than alcohol or tobacco. _____, some people believe it should be legalized.

A. So B. Therefore C. Due to D. Because

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8. _____ Canada has legalized hemp farming, we can expect to see pulp and paper produced from hemp very soon.

A. Therefore B. Due to C. So D. As

Task 3. Drag the words into the correct boxes

1. Scientists are still uncertain about the causes _____.

2. There are several reasons _____.

3. Building more roads has led _____.

4. A better standard of teaching at primary school level has resulted _____.

5. Pollution is a major problem because _____.

6. The rate of unemployment has fallen in some countries thanks _____.

to more people being employed in the service sector

to more congestion not less

of global warming

why this has become an increasingly serious problem

of the number of power stations that are being built

in a major drop in illiteracy

Task 4. Watch the video, do the exercises.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4H1N_yXBiA

Fill in the blanks using the word list below.

Human activities from *1*_____ to overpopulating are driving up the earth's temperature and fundamentally changing the world around us. The main cause is a phenomenon known as the *2*_____. Gases in the atmosphere, such as *3*_____, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxide, and chlorofluorocarbons let the sun's light in, but keep some of the *4*_____ from escaping like the glass walls of a greenhouse. The more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the more heat gets *5*_____, strengthening the greenhouse effect and increasing the earth's temperature. Human activities, like the burning of *6*_____ have increased the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere by more than a third since the Industrial Revolution. The rapid increase in the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has warmed the planet at an alarming rate. While Earth's climate has fluctuated in the past, atmospheric carbon dioxide hasn't reached today's levels in hundreds of thousands of years. Climate change has consequences for our *7*_____, our *8*_____, our food sources and our *9*_____.

heat	weather	water vapor
oceans	pollution	health
fossil fuels	trapped	greenhouse effect

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Match the blue words below with the suitable definition.

#	word	#	definition
A	fundamentally	1	can be reproduced as quickly as produced, clean
B	phenomenon	2	rise and fall irregularly in number or amount
C	Industrial Revolution	3	to become less in size and importance
D	alarming	4	a lung sickness that will not go away
E	fossil fuels	5	fog made heavier and darker of smoke and chemical fumes
F	diminish	6	changes in manufacturing and transportation when fewer things were being made by hand or moved by human power, but instead by transportation machines or in large scale factories.
G	smog	7	basic or essential
H	asthma	8	come from old life forms decomposed a long time ago like coal, oil, and natural gas.
I	renewable	9	an observable fact or event
K	fluctuated	10	causing people to feel worried or frightened

Task 5. Combine these sentences using the given words.

1. Our jungle camp has been canceled. There is a massive bush fire. **(because of)**

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2. All the flights are grounded at the airport. The weather is very bad. **(owing to)**

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3. Shanto was disobedient to traffic rules. He is in trouble. **(result in)**

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4. Many students are reluctant to English. It brings hardship in the future. **(lead to)**

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5. Shova was not prepared for the situation. She is hugely embarrassed. **(stem from)**

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Task 6. Match the sentence beginnings and endings, then fill the gaps with suitable expressions from the box.

Consequently · as · due · Owing to · lead to Since · therefore · stem from

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1. _____ I was in his neighbourhood,	**a.** _____ to the awful weather.
2. This year's sales have not been at all good.	**b.** I decided to pay him a visit.
3. We didn't have a very good holiday,	**c.** _____ I haven't seen it before.
4. _____ my early flight,	**d.** _____ a lot of new business.
5. Winning this contract could	**e.** I had to get up at the crack of dawn.
6. His lack of self-confidence could	**f.** I have decided, _____ , to give you a second chance.
7. You made a big mistake, but you haven't been in this job very long.	**g.** _____, we are going to have to let some of you go.
8. I'd prefer to see the film with Penelope Cruz	**h.** _____ problems he had in his childhood.

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