

## Minitest 1

### I. Choose the best answer:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining heavily he went out without a raincoat.  
A. In spite      B. In spite of      C. However      D. Although
2. \_\_\_\_\_ he wasn't feeling very well; Mr. Graham went to visit his aunt as usual.  
A. Although      B. However      C. Therefore      D. Still
3. He was offered the job \_\_\_\_\_ his qualifications were poor.  
A. despite      B. in spite of      C. even though      D. Whereas
4. \_\_\_\_\_ we were in town, we often met him.  
A. For      B. Although      C. So      D. When
5. She didn't get the job \_\_\_\_\_ she had all the necessary qualifications.  
A. because      B. although      C. so      D. but
6. I could not eat \_\_\_\_\_ I was very hungry.  
A. even though      B. in spite      C. despite      D. in spite the fact that
7. In spite \_\_\_\_\_, the baseball game was not cancelled.  
A. the rain      B. of the rain      C. it was raining      D. there was a rain
8. \_\_\_\_\_ he had enough money, he refused to buy a new car.  
A. In spite      B. In spite of      C. Despite      D. Although
9. \_\_\_\_\_, he walked to the station.  
A. Despite tired      B. In spite being tired C. Although to be tired      D. Despite being tired
10. She left him \_\_\_\_\_ she still loved him.  
A. even if      B. even though      C. in spite of      D. despite
11. In spite of not speaking French, Mike decided to settle in Paris.  
A. Even though Mike didn't speak French, but he decided to settle in Paris.  
B. Mike decided to settle in Paris despite he didn't speak French.  
C. Mike decided to settle in Paris though the fact that not speaking French.  
D. Although Mike didn't speak French; he decided to settle in Paris.
12. Mr. Ba was late for the meeting though he took a taxi.  
A. Even though taking a taxi, Mr. Ba was late for the meeting.  
B. In spite of taking a taxi, but Mr. Ba was late for the meeting.  
C. Mr. Ba was late for the meeting despite the fact he took a taxi.  
D. Mr. Ba was late for the meeting although having taken a taxi.
13. We came to the meeting on time though the traffic was heavy.

- A. Despite the traffic was heavy; we came to the meeting on time.
- B. In spite of the heavy traffic, we came to the meeting on time.
- C. Even though the heavy traffic, we came to the meeting on time.
- D. Although the traffic was heavy, but we came to the meeting on time.

14. Although he took a taxi, Bill still arrived late for the concert.

- A. Bill arrived late for the concert whether he took a taxi or not.
- B. Bill arrived late for the concert because of the taxi.
- C. In spite of taking a taxi, Bill arrived late for the concert.
- D. Bill took a taxi to the concert, but he couldn't catch it.

15. Although she is rich, she can't afford to buy the car.

- A. She doesn't have enough money to buy the car she likes.
- B. Rich as she is, she can't afford to buy the car.
- C. The car is too expensive for her to buy.
- D. She wants to buy the car but it costs a lot.

## **II. Rewrite these sentences, using BECAUSE / BECAUSE OF**

16. Because I am sick, I do not go out.

→ Because of .....

17. Because the water is polluted, we can't swim in that river.

→ Because of .....

18. Because Nga has had a sore leg, she had difficulty in walking.

→ Because of .....

19. Because he behaved badly, he found himself in trouble.

→ Because of .....

20. Because of his good looks, he is popular with many girls.

→ Because .....