

**Exercise X: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

There can't be many people who are unaware of e-mail, even if they have never actually sent one. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ there are some similarities between e-mail and letters, there are also many differences. The first is that e-mail is delivered instantly, so it can be a very effective means of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ when speed is important. This speed means that e-mail is more practical for communicating over large distances. Another difference is that e-mail tends to be relatively informal. People are much more (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to use language which they would consider unsuitable for a formal letter. Words spelled incorrectly in an e-mail are less likely to be checked than in a letter. One explanation for this is that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail seems to be less permanent than something written on paper. We can be sure that the future development of e-mail will have all kinds of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the way we communicate.

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| 1. A. Besides       | B. Since      | C. Although   | D. Even          |
| 2. A. communication | B. transport  | C. travelling | D. entertainment |
| 3. A. possible      | B. probable   | C. capable    | D. likely        |
| 4. A. a             | B. an         | C. the        | D. Ø             |
| 5. A. expected      | B. unexpected | C. expecting  | D. unexpectedly  |