

PARALLELISM

Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer:

1. She has neither read the book _____ the film.
a. or seen b. nor see c. or see d. nor seen
2. Thomas Elkins studied not only painting _____ anatomy when he was training to become an artist.
a. moreover b. but also c. as well d. and
3. Endive can be used _____ as a salad green or as a cooking vegetable,
a. such b. both c. either d. neither
4. They invited _____ to their golden anniversary.
a. my wife and I b. I and my wife
c. both my wife and I d. my wife and me
5. Have you finished your work? - No, I haven't and _____.
a. she has not too b. neither she has c. she has either d. neither has she.
6. I believe not only people are important to the world, _____.
a. nature is important, too b. nature is important either
c. neither is nature important d. but nature is important
7. Not only _____ shade and beauty but they also reduce carbon dioxide.
a. do trees provide b. trees provide c. provide trees d. trees do provide
8. Neither the teacher nor his students _____ pleased with the performance of the team.
a. was b. were c. has been d. being
9. I hadn't seen Derek for years. - _____. It is interesting to see how he's changed.
a. Either had I b. Neither had I c. I had either d. Neither
10. Not only _____ people to send words, music and codes to any part of the world, it can also be used to communicate far into space.
a. enabled by radio b. radio enables c. does radio enable d. radio has enabled
11. Not only the post office but also all banks _____ on national holidays.
a. closes b. close c. will close d. is closed
12. Both intelligence and skill _____ good teaching.
a. is essential in b. are essential in c. is essential to d. are essential

Exercise 2: Complete the following sentences with suitable conjunctions. In some sentences, more than one answer is acceptable.

1. _____ Lucy _____ Kitty go to the same school.
2. _____ was he late _____ he _____ had not done his work.
3. _____ come on time _____ do not come at all.
4. _____ Piggy _____ Teddy came to the party.
5. You may wear _____ your blue dress _____ your red dress to the party.
6. _____ did the man lose his keys _____ he lost his wallet _____.
7. If Lizzie had enough time, she would go to _____ Las Vegas _____ the Grand Canyon.
8. _____ my uncle _____ my cousin live in Brazil.
9. Laura has lost her book. She could find it _____ in school _____ at home.
10. It will rain soon, _____ today _____ tomorrow.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with both...(and); neither...(nor) or either ...(or).

1. I tried twice to phone George, but _____ times he was out.
2. Do you want tea or coffee? - _____. I really don't mind.
3. I was invited to two parties last week, but I couldn't go to _____ of them.
4. Where is Liz? Is she at work or at home? - _____. She's away on holiday.
5. To get to the town center, you can go along the footpath by the river or you can go along the road. You can go _____ way.
6. I saw an accident this morning. One car drove into the back of another. Fortunately, _____ driver was injured, but cars were badly damaged.
7. I can meet you next Monday or Friday. Would _____ of those days be convenient for you?
8. John and I couldn't get into the house because _____ of us had a key.
9. When shall I phone, in the morning or afternoon? - _____. I'll be in all day.
10. Sarah and I play tennis together regularly, but _____ of us can play well.
11. Where did you go for your holiday - Scotland or Ireland?
- _____. A week in Scotland and a week in Ireland.
12. I tried two bookshops for the book I wanted, but _____ of them had it.
13. _____ the boat with the white sails and the one with the blue sails are in the harbour today.
14. I'm not sure where Maria's from. She's _____ Spanish _____ Italian.
15. Tom said he would contact me, but he _____ wrote _____ phoned.