EXERCISE 47: Sentences—Connectors

In some sentences in the Structure Section of the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct connector. A connector is a word or phrase that joins words, phrases, or clauses. A connector expresses relationships between the words, phrases, and clauses that it joins. Some common relationships are cause and result, contradiction, substitution, addition, exception, example, and purpose. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. It is not clear how much students learn _____ television classes without supervision and monitoring.
   - Ⓐ for watching
   - Ⓑ from watching
   - Ⓒ by watch
   - Ⓓ to watch

2. In spite of the fact that 85 percent of all societies allow the men to take more than one wife, most prefer monogamy _____ polygamy.
   - Ⓐ than
   - Ⓑ to
   - Ⓒ for
   - Ⓓ that

3. Some metals such gold, silver, copper, and tin occur naturally, and are easy to work.
   Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

4. Stained glass becomes even more beautiful when it _____ because the corrosion diffuses light.
   - Ⓐ will age
   - Ⓑ ages
   - Ⓒ are aging
   - Ⓓ aged

5. All of the senses _____ smell must pass through intermediate gateways to be processed before they are registered in the brain.
   - Ⓐ until
   - Ⓑ but
   - Ⓒ to
   - Ⓓ for

6. Because the expense of traditional fuels and the concern that they might run out, many countries have been investigating alternative sources of power.
   Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

7. The lights and appliances in most homes use alternating current _____.
   - Ⓐ instead direct current
   - Ⓑ instead of direct current
   - Ⓒ that instead direct current
   - Ⓓ for direct current instead

8. Only seventeen on one hundred business calls get through to the correct person on the first attempt.
   Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

9. More murders are reported _____ December in the United States than during any other month.
   - Ⓐ on
   - Ⓑ in
   - Ⓒ at
   - Ⓓ for

10. The tendency to develop cancer, even in high-risk individuals, can be decreased _____ the amount of fruit and vegetables in the diet.
    - Ⓐ to increase
    - Ⓑ for increase
    - Ⓒ for increasing
    - Ⓓ by increasing

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