

EXERCISES ON ADVERB CLAUSES

From the four words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), choose the one that best completes the sentence.

1. Plexiglas is used in aircraft windows _____ is almost unbreakable.
 (A) it
 (B) because it
 (C) because
 (D) it because
2. American Indians grew popcorn for a few thousand years _____ arrival of European explorers in the 1400s.
 (A) before
 (B) before the
 (C) since
 (D) since they
3. The body uses proteins for energy _____ and fats cannot meet its energy needs.
 (A) that carbohydrates
 (B) when carbohydrates
 (C) when they are carbohydrates
 (D) that when carbohydrates
4. Spider monkeys are the best climbers in the jungle, _____ they do not have thumbs.
 (A) nevertheless
 (B) for
 (C) despite
 (D) although
5. Stars are hot bodies that give out light of their own, _____ planets shine only by reflecting light.
 (A) however there are
 (B) since
 (C) whereas
 (D) while they
6. A silkworm has glands that secrete a liquid that hardens into silk _____ comes into contact with air.
 (A) as it
 (B) when
 (C) that
 (D) it
7. _____ their immense distances, quasars have relatively high magnitudes.
 (A) Whereas
 (B) In spite of
 (C) Although
 (D) Yet
8. _____ body's activities put strains on certain bones, these bones strengthen themselves where the stress is greatest.
 (A) That if
 (B) That
 (C) Because of
 (D) If the

9. _____ Herman Melville is now regarded as one of America's finest writers, his greatest works mystified readers in his own lifetime.
- (A) It is despite
 - (B) Despite
 - (C) Even though
 - (D) In spite of
10. _____ laser beam can be moved easily in all directions, it can be used for highly accurate cutting in industry.
- (A) Because of
 - (B) It is a
 - (C) A
 - (D) As a
11. Limestone powder is added to animal feed _____ animals form good strong bones.
- (A) why
 - (B) so that
 - (C) as a result of
 - (D) it is that
12. _____ sodium chloride (salt) is not used by sea-living organisms, it forms the dominant mineral in seawater.
- (A) Since
 - (B) It is since
 - (C) Although
 - (D) Although it