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Unit 4: Linkers

Read the theory and solve.

4.1 Linkers of Contrast

A Decide whether the following are correct or not. Correct those which are incorrect.

1 Sarah lost her job recently. However, she soon found another one. .....
2 I saw a jacket that I liked. It was very expensive, although, so I didn't buy it. .....
3 Yet they were the better team, they lost the match. .....
4 This kind of music is very popular. I don't like it, though. .....
5 I was looking forward to the party. I felt ill, however, so I couldn't go. .....
6 Ruth has a very difficult life yet she never complains. .....
7 I tried to speak to the manager. Although, he was in a meeting and couldn't speak to me. .....
8 I want to contact John. I've lost his address, although. .....

B Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. There may be more than one way of doing this correctly.

1 The weather wasn't very good but we enjoyed the holiday. (although)
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2 Your success was due to hard work. However, mine was due to good luck. (whereas)
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3 It's very disappointing for you but it's not the end of the world. (though)
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4 She has no real problems. However, she's always complaining. (yet)
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5 There were protests from the public but the law was passed. (even)
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6 You're right in some ways. On the other hand, you're wrong in other ways. (while)
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7 I was very angry but I said nothing. (though)
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8 I've known her for years but I don't really understand her. (even)
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9 We have little in common but we get on very well. (although)
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10 My sister is very patient. However, I often lose my temper. (whereas)
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11 Even though they've lived here for years, they don't know the place very well. (yet)
.....
12 I can understand how you feel. Even so, I don't think you should get so upset. (while)
.....

C Rewrite the sentences using *despite* or *in spite of*. There is more than one way of doing this correctly.

1 Although she played poorly, she won the match.
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2 The trip was enjoyable even though the weather was bad.
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3 I apologized to him but he remained angry with me.
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4 Even though he has little money, he enjoys life.
.....
5 She worked as hard as she could but she didn't finish on time.
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D Read this story and decide which word or phrase (A, B, C or D) fits into each gap.

The Wrong Word

For the first time in my life I was alone in a foreign country. 1 ..... , I wasn't worried. 2 ..... I couldn't speak the language very well, I could make myself understood fairly well. So I decided to be confident, and 3 ..... the things I said probably weren't totally correct, it didn't matter. 4 ..... , there were some difficult moments and this was one of them. I walked into a café, wanting to buy a pineapple juice. 5 ..... I wasn't completely sure of the word for 'pineapple', I thought I could remember it. I asked for my drink. The waiter simply looked at me. 6 ..... that, I tried again, this time saying the same word in a slightly different accent. Later I found out what a stupid mistake I had made. 7 ..... the word I used was similar to the word for 'pineapple', it had a totally different meaning. 8 ..... this, the waiter wrote down my order and went away as normal, 9 ..... I thought I could see him smiling when he left.
It didn't matter, 10 ..... , because he returned with the right drink. I was lucky though. I found out later that the word I'd used meant 'paint'.

1	A Despite	B Although	C However	D Even though
2	A Although	B However	C In spite of	D Yet
3	A yet	B even though	C however	D despite
4	A Even though	B Despite	C Although	D However
5	A Though	B Yet	C However	D Despite
6	A Despite	B Even though	C Although	D Though
7	A However	B Yet	C In spite of	D Although
8	A Although	B Yet	C However	D In spite of
9	A although	B despite	C in spite of	D however
10	A though	B yet	C even though	D although

E Write a letter of complaint by forming sentences or pairs of sentences from the following, using the word or phrase in brackets.

1 I have phoned you several times about the delivery of my order. It has still not arrived. (despite)
2 I understand that this is a busy period for you. I do not understand the length of this delay. (although)
3 Your staff have been very polite to me. I feel that this situation is unacceptable. (nevertheless)
4 You have given me many promises. Nothing has happened. (in spite)
5 I have been very patient. This will not continue. (however)
6 I don't want to take legal action. I will do so unless my order arrives within the next few days. (on the other hand)

Dear Sir / Madam,

1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

4.2 Cause & Result

A Fill in the gaps in this note with one suitable word.

1 ..... I seem to have lost your new mobile phone number, I thought I'd better write you a quick note. The problem is, I can't meet you at the airport on the 25th, 2 ..... we'll have to make another arrangement. I've got to go to a meeting that day, which will 3 ..... it impossible for me to get to the airport on time. 4 ..... , I suggest that you get a taxi into the city and wait for me at that café next to my apartment building. I hope this doesn't 5 ..... too much trouble, but let me know. If this arrangement doesn't suit you, 6 ..... I'll have to think of something else.

B Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence, using the word given.

1 Because of you, I'm having difficulty concentrating on my work. (difficult)
You are making ..... concentrate on my work.

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2 I wanted to visit the place because of some pictures I saw of it. (made)
Some pictures I saw of the place ..... to visit it.

3 Because of the accident, there were traffic problems that day. (resulted)
The ..... that day.

4 I lost my temper because of the assistant's unpleasant attitude. (caused)
The assistant's unpleasant attitude ..... my temper.

5 Their victory in the match was caused by excellent play. (led)
Excellent play ..... in the match.

6 Because of your help, I was able to succeed. (possible)
Your help made ..... succeed.

7 She has become much happier at work because she is earning more money now. (result)
She is earning more money now and ..... she has become much happier at work.

8 Because of some bad experiences, he became cautious about taking risks. (made)
Some bad experiences ..... about taking risks.

C **Read this report and decide which word or phrase (A, B, C or D) fits into each gap.**

The University Entertainments Committee

The University Entertainments Committee meeting was held 1 ..... recent financial losses. The Events Officer reported on the last two events. He said that students had been very busy 2 ..... the exams, and 3 ..... ticket sales had been poor. The Finances Officer blamed the losses on the high charges made by the performers at those events.
4 ..... these charges, he said, the events would have lost money even if every ticket had been sold. One suggestion was to increase ticket prices in future but it was felt that, 5 ..... many students have little money, this would not 6 ..... to an improvement in the financial situation. After discussion it was agreed that 7 ..... the seriousness of the situation and 8 ..... there was a real danger of the university authorities closing down the Entertainments Committee, the next two events would have to be cancelled immediately. This would 9 ..... that the performers in question would have to be contacted immediately, 10 ..... the fact that contracts had already been signed with them.

1	A owing	B because of	C due	D on account
2	A due to	B as a result	C therefore	D in view
3	A then	B since	C as	D so
4	A On account of	B Because	C Since	D As a result
5	A as	B therefore	C so	D then
6	A cause	B lead	C result	D make
7	A as a result	B because	C in view of	D as
8	A since	B then	C due to	D because of
9	A result	B cause	C mean	D lead
10	A therefore	B since	C on account	D owing to

D **Read this information about a female tennis player. Decide which was the result of each cause and link them using the word or phrase in brackets.**

	CAUSE	RESULT
0	her father was a professional player (because)	earned more than she earned from playing
1	started playing seriously at the age of five (as)	became interested in tennis as a child
2	won a lot of major tournaments (as a result)	retired from tennis completely
3	argued with an umpire (owing to)	had to find a new one
4	sacked her coach (so)	knew nothing about life outside tennis
5	did some modelling (which resulted)	got into trouble with the sport's authorities
6	became too old to stay at the top (therefore)	became the top player in the world

0 *Because her father was a professional player, she became interested in tennis as a child.*
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

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