13. I don't recall ..... him at the conference.

A. having seen
B. to have seen
C. having been seen
D. to have been seen

14. Last year I studied abroad. I appreciate ..... the opportunity to live and study in a foreign country.

A. having been had
B. having had
C. to have had
D. to have been had

15. Stacey seems like a bright student. She's always the first ..... her work.

A. to finish
B. finishing
C. being finished
D. to be finished

Exercise 10. Rewrite the sentences without changing the meaning.

1. Although he is not an intelligent student, he can learn very fast.
→ Despite / In spite of .....
2. Because Hoa was rich, she could buy that house.
→ Because of .....
3. Because the rain was so heavy, I couldn't go to school.
→ Because of .....
4. His father asked him to stay at home because he was sick.
→ Because of .....
5. Because there was an accident, I was late.
→ Because of .....
6. She failed the University entrance exam because her grades were bad.
→ Because of .....
7. Although he has a physical handicap, he has become a successful businessman.
→ Despite .....
8. Because of the cheap price, my wife insists on buying the TV.
→ Because .....
9. Although it was raining heavily, we still went to school.
→ Despite / In spite of .....

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10. Because I studied hard, I passed the exam.

→ Because of .....

Exercise 11. Complete the sentences with "In spite/ Despite/Although".

1. Salim went to school alone, ... she knew that it was very unsafe.
2. They liked their camping holiday, ... of the rain.
3. ..... the pain in her leg, she still won the marathon excellent.
4. My father decided to buy the car ..... he didn't really have enough money.
5. ..... she was very sick, she still tried to complete this job.
6. ..... his age, he still plays badminton every morning.
7. ..... Lan and Mike went to university together, they weren't close friend.
8. We still play football outside ..... of the heavily rain.
9. ..... her illness, she must go to school.
10. She knew what he wanted ..... of not understanding anything.

Exercise 12. Choose the best answer to complete these sentences.

1. ..... he likes chocolate, he tries not to eat it.

   A. As B. Though C. Since D. Despite

2. ..... he had enough money, he refused to buy a new car.

   A. In spite B. In spite of C. Despite D. Although

3. ....., he walked to the station.

   A. Despite being tired B. Although to be tired

   C. In spite being tired D. Despite tired

4. ..... her lack of hard work, she was promoted.

   A. Because B. Even though C. In spite of D. Despite of

5. She left him ..... she still loved him.

   A. even if B. even though C. in spite of D. despite

6. Last night we came to the show late ..... the traffic was terrible.

   A. although B. despite C. and D. because

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7. ..... there is a lot of noise in the city, I prefer living there.

A. Despite B. In spite of C. Because of D. Though

8. ..... the weather, we went sailing.

A. Despite B. In spite of C. Although D. A and B

9. ..... Hudson led early, he lost the race.

A. Though B. Although C. Even though D. All are correct

10. ..... it was raining heavily, he went out without a raincoat.

A. In spite B. In spite of C. However D. Although

11. ..... he wasn't feeling very well; Mr. Graham went to visit his aunt as usual.

A. Although B. However C. Therefore D. Still

12. He was offered the job ..... his qualifications were poor.

A. despite B. in spite of C. even though D. Whereas

13. ..... we were in town, we often met him.

A. For B. Although C. So D. When

14. She didn't get the job ..... she had all the necessary qualifications.

A. because B. although C. so D. but

Exercise 13. Read the passage and choose the best option A, B, C or D to complete it.

Do you ever wish you were more optimistic, someone who always (1) ..... to be successful? Having someone around who always (2) ..... the worst isn't really a lot of fun, we all know someone who sees a single cloud on a sunny day and says "It looks like rain". But if you catch yourself thinking such things, it's important to do something (3) ..... it.

You can change your view of life, (4) ..... to psychologists. It only takes a little effort, and you'll find life more rewarding as a result. Optimism, they say, is partly about self-respect and confidence, but it's also a more positive way of looking at life and all it has to (5) .....

Optimists are more (6) ..... to start new projects and are generally more prepared to take risks. Upbringing is obviously very important in forming your attitude to the wodd. Some people are brought up to depend too much on others and grow up forever blaming other people when anything (7) .....

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