Task 1. **Complete the sentences below using the correct cause-effect linker from the list. Pay attention to sentence structure (some require clauses, others noun phrases).**

Linkers to use:

- due to
- because of
- as a result
- consequently
- therefore
- since

1. Water quality decreased _____ industrial runoff.
2. The filtration system was upgraded; _____, contamination levels dropped.
3. _____ the lack of rainfall, river levels fell sharply in the summer months.
4. There was a significant drop in pressure, _____ the main pipeline had to be inspected.
5. The treatment facility was operating over capacity; _____, delays were inevitable.
6. _____ engineers had already identified the leak, repair teams were dispatched quickly.
7. The river was diverted _____ the construction of a new dam.
8. _____ of poor maintenance, the sediment filter became clogged.

2: Each sentence below contains an incorrect or awkward use of a cause-effect linker. Identify the error and rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. Because of the pipe burst, so the project was delayed.
2. Due to the engineers didn't test the system, the valve failed.
3. Since of the contamination, the plant shut down.
4. The software update failed, because of the users reported bugs.
5. Therefore of insufficient funds, the repairs were postponed.

Task 3: Match the cause in Column A with its effect in Column B. Then write full sentences using a different cause-effect linker each time (*therefore, as a result, because of, due to, since, consequently*).

A: Cause	B: Effect
1. Heavy sediment build-up in the riverbed	a. The purification system failed.
2. Water usage in the city increased by 40%	b. A secondary filtration system was installed.
3. The aging pipeline was not maintained	c. The floodgate had to be reinforced.
4. Reports indicated rising mercury levels	d. Water rationing was implemented.
5. Unusually strong monsoon rains hit the dam region	e. Long-term ecological monitoring was initiated.

Task 4: Complete the paragraph below by inserting appropriate cause-and-effect linkers (*such as: since, as a result, due to, consequently, therefore, because of*).

The city's main reservoir experienced a significant drop in capacity last year, _____ local rainfall was 30% below average. _____ the reduced supply, water was rerouted from secondary reserves. This shift in distribution, _____, caused pressure fluctuations across the northern districts. _____ residents reported lower flow rates and inconsistent supply. _____ these issues, infrastructure investments were fast-tracked. _____, a new smart-metering system is now being tested.

Task 5: Write a short cause-effect chain (120–150 words) explaining how a small change in one element (e.g., a faulty sensor, delayed report, policy decision) affected the outcome of a water management project. You must use at least 6 different cause-effect linkers.

Useful scenario ideas:

- A valve failure during rainy season
- An incorrect forecast before dam construction
- Overuse of water during a summer heatwave

Example:

Due to a miscalibration in the monitoring sensors, rainfall predictions were inaccurate. **As a result**, floodgates were not raised in time, leading to a rapid water level increase. **Consequently**,...