

**Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer**

- I almost missed my flight \_\_\_\_\_ there was a long queue in the duty-free shop.  
A. although      B. since      C. despite      D. because of
- They decided not to go out for a meal \_\_\_\_\_ they were too tired  
A. so      B. because      C. but      D. if
- They were driving to Dallas \_\_\_\_\_ they caught an accident.  
A. when      B. while      C. before      D. as soon as
- I want to be well-groomed \_\_\_\_\_ other people think nice things about me.  
A. in order to      B. so as not to      C. so that      D. as soon as
- \_\_\_\_\_ I met the Gills, I had been gardening for nearly ten years.  
A. As soon as      B. Although      C. After      D. Before
- In spite of his hard work, he could not finish the job.  
A. As hard as he work      B. Though he worked hard  
C. Despite he worked hard      D. Although hard work
- \_\_\_\_\_ she was asleep, thieves broke in and stole her handbag.  
A. In order that      B. Although      C. Because of      D. While
- All people should join hand in protecting the environment \_\_\_\_\_ we can gain better health.  
A. in order that      B. when      C. because      D. even though
- \_\_\_\_\_ her poverty, she feels happy  
A. Although      B. Because      C. If      D. In spite of
- Tony went to work although he didn't feel very well.  
A. that he did not feel very well      B. despite of the fact not feeling well  
C. because he did not feel very well      D. despite not feeling very well

**Exercise 3: Mark the letter a, b, c or d to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences**

- Elizabeth was writing a note to her friend. The train arrived.**  
A. Elizabeth was writing a note to her friend as soon as the train arrived.  
B. After the train arrived, Elizabeth was writing a note to her friend.  
C. The train arrived while Elizabeth was writing a note to her friend.  
D. Elizabeth was writing a note to her friend whenever the train arrived.
- The water is very cold in January. We go swimming anyway.**  
A. When the water is very cold in January, we go swimming anyway.  
B. As the water is very cold in January, we go swimming anyway.  
C. The water is very cold in January if we go swimming anyway.  
D. Although the water is very cold in January, we go swimming anyway.
- The water was very rough. The lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave the water.**  
A. Since the water was very rough, the lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave the water.  
B. The water was very rough so that the lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave the water.  
C. The water was very rough because the lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave  
D. The lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave the water though the water was very rough.
- Mike goes jogging two miles every morning. Then he gets ready for work.**  
A. Mike goes jogging two miles every morning after he gets ready for work.  
B. Mike goes jogging two miles every morning before he gets ready for work.  
C. Mike goes jogging two miles every morning as soon as he gets ready for work.  
D. Mike goes jogging two miles every morning when he gets ready for work.
- Ticket prices might be more expensive. Going to the movies is still much cheaper than going to a concert.**  
A. Ticket prices might be more expensive then going to the movies is still much cheaper than going to a concert.  
B. Ticket prices might be more expensive than going to the movies is still much cheaper than going to a concert.

C. Going to the movies is still much cheaper than going to a concert since ticket prices might be more expensive.

D. Going to the movies is still much cheaper than going to a concert although ticket prices might be more expensive.

**6. We went to Dong Xuan Market. We flew back to Ho Chi Mirth City at 7pm.**

A. We went to Dong Xuan Market while we flew back to Ho Chi Minh City at 7pm.

B. Before we flew back to Ho Chi Minh City at 7pm, we went to Dong Xuan Market.

C. We went to Dong Xuan Market in order that we flew back to Ho Chi Minh City at 7pm.

D. As we went to Dong Xuan Market, we flew back to Ho Chi Minh City at 7pm.

**7. You need to plan your trip to South America carefully. You don't spend all your money too quickly.**

A. You need to plan your trip to America carefully so that you don't spend all your money too quickly.

B. You need to plan your trip to America carefully although you don't spend all your money too quickly.

C. You need to plan your trip to America carefully as you don't spend all your money too quickly.

D. Even though you need to plan your trip to America carefully, you don't spend all your money too quickly.

**8. Richard is very wealthy. He can afford to buy almost anything he wants.**

A. Although Richard is very wealthy, he can afford to buy almost anything he wants.

B. Richard is so wealthy that he can afford to buy almost anything he wants.

C. Richard is very wealthy so that he can afford to buy almost anything he wants.

D. Richard can afford to buy almost anything he wants, but he is very wealthy.

**9. I have tried hard but I can't earn enough money.**

A. Although I have tried hard, but I can't earn enough money.

B. Although I have tried hard, I can't earn enough money.

C. In spite of I have tried hard, I can't earn enough money.

D. Despite I have tried hard, but I can't earn enough money.

**10. She stayed at home because her mother was sick.**

A. Despite her sick mother, she stayed at home. B. Because of her sick mother, she stayed at home.

C. In spite of her sick mother, she stayed at home. D. A & C are correct

**Exercise 6: Complete the sentences with the appropriate subordinating conjunctions from the word box**

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|-------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|------|----------|-------|
| even though | before | since | until | because | when | whenever | while |
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1. Samantha is happy \_\_\_\_\_ she won the championship.

2. Jean cleaned the table \_\_\_\_\_ her mom did the dishes

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Dan was sick, he went to work.

4. Samantha can't relax \_\_\_\_\_ her exams are over

5. Liza hasn't seen her aunt \_\_\_\_\_ she was a teenager

6. Patricia visits the zoo \_\_\_\_\_ she loves animals

7. We put away out toys \_\_\_\_\_ Mom returns from work.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Brian watered all the plants, I didn't have to

9. We were surprised \_\_\_\_\_ the magician pulled the rabbit out of the hat.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Mom goes shopping, she brings a treat for me.

**Ex8: Complete each complex sentence using an appropriate subordinating conjunction from the word box.**

where      if      because      while      whereas

1. Ross took care of our garden \_\_\_\_\_ we were away.

2. I thought Kia is a rude person, \_\_\_\_\_ in fact she was very kind.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ there is a will, there is a way.

4. We waited at the airport \_\_\_\_\_ the flight took off.

5. Jake didn't play today \_\_\_\_\_ he had a toe injury.

**Exercise 11: Circle the correct answers**

1. Valencia is a fantastic place (**although/ despite**) being hot in July and August.
2. Cars are very useful in the city (**though/ in spite of**) they are expensive.
3. She's a great person (**in spite of/ even though**) getting jealous over stupid things sometimes.
4. (**In spite of/ despite of**) getting the highest result in the class, John still had problems with the teacher.
5. The best things in life are free (**though/ even though**) love is often very expensive.