

**For questions 1–10, complete the text with a linking word or phrase from the box.**

consequently / moreover / while / on the contrary / in my view / certainly / for example /  
in spite of / as a result / nevertheless

### **THE VALUE OF BEAUTY**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_, beautiful things are necessary in our lives, helping to make our environment more comfortable and relaxing. Objects of beauty can be found everywhere: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ paintings, furniture or even kitchen appliances. In fact it's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ true that some people spend thousands of pounds on creating the most beautiful kitchen in their home. There's no doubt that life would be very dull and meaningless without beautiful things around us. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ many people might think paintings are an expensive waste of money, just imagine what it would be like if there were bare walls in our public buildings, or in our homes. (5) \_\_\_\_\_, what is beautiful to one person will be ugly to another so it is important that we choose our own pieces of art or furniture. Nowadays, however, many people employ an interior designer to decorate their homes. This is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of having very little time to spare – people work harder than ever and then have to pay other people to do work in their homes. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ these designers being able to produce delightful results, probably better than the clients could do themselves, the designs and pieces chosen may not truly reflect what the client believes is beautiful. (8) \_\_\_\_\_, these clients may not particularly like the finished product and you would expect them to complain bitterly about it because they have spent so much money. (9) \_\_\_\_\_, they tend to keep silent because they are too embarrassed to admit it. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ it is very important to remember that beauty is very subjective and, therefore, if you like something you should buy it, whether it matches the rest of the décor or not!