Consolidation – Adverbial Clauses 1 (Advanced)

Exercise 1: Choose the most suitable option in each sentence.

1. When the bridge ***[repairs / will repair / has been repaired]***, traffic delays should disappear completely.
2. Plant these seeds ***[wherever / whenever / whatever]*** they will get plenty of sunlight.
3. ***[During / While / As soon as]*** the flight, passengers were asked to remain seated.
4. She organises her schedule ***[as / like / so]*** her mentor taught her.
5. He has worked at the hospital ***[since / for / while]*** 2012.
6. You may store the boxes ***[whoever / whenever / wherever]*** suits you best.
7. ***[Since / Although / Despite]*** she had practised every day, she performed brilliantly at the concert.
8. Text me ***[as soon as / until / while]*** the plane lands.
9. ***[Despite / Although / Because]*** the heavy traffic, we arrived at the airport on time.
10. ***[Although / Despite / Because]*** the traffic was heavy, we arrived at the airport on time.
11. He spoke slowly ***[so that / in order to / so as]*** the audience could follow every word.
12. The instructions were rewritten ***[so that / in order to / for]*** new staff could understand them quickly.
13. The music was so loud ***[that / so / such]*** the neighbours complained.
14. It was ***[such / so / too]*** a loud concert that several people left early.
15. Bring a spare charger ***[in case / so that / when]*** your phone runs out of battery.
16. The project went ***[as / like / so]*** the team had hoped.
17. ***[Whereas / Because / So that]*** the coastal areas enjoy mild winters, the mountains experience heavy snow.
18. Save your work ***[before / after / since]*** the computer shuts down automatically.
19. ***[No matter how / Despite / Although]*** carefully he packed, something always got damaged during the move.
20. The moment ***[the goal was scored / the goal will be scored / the goal is scored]***, the whole stadium erupted into cheers.

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Exercise 2: Read the IELTS essay below and complete each gap with ONE suitable word or phrase from the box. Use each word or phrase only ONCE.

as soon as | by the time | although | in spite of | so that
since | in case | just as | wherever | no matter how

Question: ***An increasing number of people are choosing to have cosmetic surgery in order to improve their appearance. Why do people have operations to change the way they look? Do you think this is a positive or negative development?***

Cosmetic surgery has become increasingly common in modern society, with more and more people choosing to have procedures that alter their appearance. (1) _____ social media has made physical appearance more visible than ever before, many people feel greater pressure to look a certain way. This essay will examine why people choose to have such operations before explaining why I believe this trend is a negative development.

There are several reasons why people decide to undergo cosmetic surgery. Firstly, once individuals become unhappy with a particular feature, such as their nose or skin, they often look for a permanent solution rather than a temporary one. In addition, many people have surgery (2) _____ they can feel more confident in social or professional situations. Moreover, (3) _____ a person notices visible signs of ageing, some choose treatments such as fillers or face-lifts to restore a more youthful look. Finally, others undergo surgery simply to fit in, (4) _____ a narrow standard of beauty is promoted, whether at work, on social media, or within their own community.

However, (5) _____ cosmetic surgery can boost a person's confidence in the short term, I believe this trend is largely a negative development. Even though many procedures are marketed as low-risk, they often carry serious health complications, including infection and long recovery periods. Furthermore, (6) _____ the high financial cost involved, many people continue to seek repeated procedures in search of an unrealistic standard of perfection. Whereas a healthy lifestyle can improve a person's appearance naturally over time, surgery offers only a quick and sometimes temporary fix. (7) _____ fashion trends constantly change, beauty standards shift as well, meaning that today's popular look may seem outdated within a few years. Most importantly, (8) _____ a procedure goes wrong, patients may be left with permanent physical or psychological damage.

In conclusion, (9) _____ young people fully understand the risks involved, they may already have been influenced by unrealistic images online. While I accept that cosmetic surgery can occasionally improve self-esteem, its risks generally outweigh its benefits. Nevertheless, (10) _____ convincing the results may appear in photographs, real health and self-acceptance should matter more than physical perfection. In order that future generations avoid unnecessary risks, society should therefore place greater emphasis on promoting natural beauty and mental well-being rather than surgical alteration.

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