GRAMMAR FOCUS

Name: ..... Class: .....

***Language Focus:* Connectors (Although, Despite, In spite of, However)**

I. Choose the correct answer by circling the letter A, B or C.

1. We went out _____ the rain. 1. _____
   A. in spite of B. however C. although
2. They went swimming_____ it rained. 2. _____
   A. despite B. however C. although
3. Mrs. Brown went on working_____ she was tired. 3. _____
   A. although B. despite C. however
4. The number of these endangered animals has multiplied over the last ten years. 4. _____
   _____, there are good reasons for continuing their protection.
   A. Although B. However C. Despite
5. She went to school_____ the fact that she had a terrible headache. 5. _____
   A. although B. despite C. however
6. _____ she was a nice girl; I don't quite like her. 6. _____
   A. However B. Although C. In spite of
7. _____ it was inexpensive, it was a good watch. 7. _____
   A. Although B. Despite C. However
8. _____ we are not in a strong financial position, our profits have increased over the past month. 8. _____
   A. Nevertheless B. However C. Although
9. I didn't like the film; _____, everybody seemed to enjoy it. 9. _____
   A. Although B. however C. In spite of
10. _____ I didn't like the film, everybody seemed to enjoy it. 10. _____
    A. Although B. Despite C. However
11. We managed to do it, _____ the fact that he was not there. 11. _____
    A. however B. despite C. although
12. In the developing world salaries are low. _____ goods cannot always be produced more cheaply that may lead to famine. 12. _____
    A. Although B. However C. Despite
13. _____ I was feeling very ill, I did not go to the hospital. 13. _____
    A. Although B. However C. Despite
14. She refused the job_____ the low salary. 14. _____
    A. because B. because of C. despite
15. _____ he has a number of relatives living nearby, he never visits them. 15. _____
    A. Despite B. However C. Although
16. He runs fast_____ his old age. 16. _____
    A. in spite of B. however C. because
17. _____ not doing any exercises, she doesn't get fat. 17. _____
    A. Although B. because C. Despite
18. I eat a lot of chocolate everyday_____ being overweight. 18. _____
    A. although B. however C. in spite of
19. She accepted the job_____ the salary was low. 19. _____
    A. although B. however C. despite

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20. _____ we had planned everything carefully, lots of things went wrong. 20. _____

A. Although B. However C. Because

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. ***Although/ Despite*** the water was cold, we still went swimming.
2. ***Although/ Despite*** my mum's got a mobile, she never uses it.
3. ***Although/ Despite*** looking for hours, I couldn't find a nice pair of jeans.
4. ***Although/ Despite*** taking a map, we still got lost.
5. I don't like sweets, ***although/ despite*** I do like chocolate.
6. We enjoyed the picnic ***although/ despite*** the bad weather.

III. Match sentence-halves in column A with the ones in column B using appropriate connectors: ALTHOUGH OR DESPITE.

A	B
1. The farmer went to bed soon and slept like a baby	A. they spent a lot of money on it.
2. The little girl fell asleep just a few minutes after the beginning	B. having a hard-working day.
3. The film Planet of the Apes attracted a lot of young people	C. having high ticket prices.
4. There were very few people coming to watch the film	D. the comedy was extremely gripping.
5. The local authorities decided to put a ban on the film The Crazy Hospital	E. critics said it was entertaining.

Write your sentences:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

IV. Make one sentence from two. Use the word(s) in brackets in your sentence. Do not change the form of the word in the bracket.

1. I enjoyed the film. The story was silly. (**in spite of**)

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2. We live in the same street. We hardly ever see each other. (**Despite**)

_____

3. I got very wet in rain. I had an umbrella. (**even though**)

_____

4. We had planned to walk right round the lake. The heavy rain made this impossible. (**Although**)

_____

5. Mary was sick. She didn't leave the meeting until it ended. (**despite**)

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