

PRACTICE: THOUGH/ BECAUSE/ DESPITE

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences, using: BECAUSE/ BECAUSE OF/ ALTHOUGH/ IN SPITE OF

1. _____ a diamond is extremely hard, it can be used to cut glass.
2. _____ the course was difficult, he passed with the highest marks.
3. _____ he was seriously ill, they took him to the hospital.
4. The nurse didn't bring Mr. Hill a glass of water _____ he asked her three times.
5. The water in most rivers is unsafe to drink _____ it is polluted.
6. The trees were bend over _____ the wind.
7. _____ all our careful plans, a lot of things went wrong.
8. _____ computers offer many advantages, many people use them.
9. _____ his lack of time, he finished the report on time.
10. Cats can't see red _____ it's a bright color.
11. Rice grows well here _____ the warm and wet weather.
12. The student arrived late _____ the traffic jam.
13. I didn't get the job _____ I had all necessary qualifications.
14. _____ the difficulty, they managed to climb to the top of the mountain.
15. John has to sit in the front row in class _____ he has poor eyesight.
16. Mark's doctor has advised him to exercise regularly _____ he is overweight.
17. _____ his shoes were wet and muddy, Brian walked right into the house and cross the carpet.
18. I couldn't get to sleep last night _____ the noise in the next apartment.
19. _____ having very little money, they are happy.
20. Louie didn't iron his shirt _____ it was wrinkled.

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer among A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

1. _____ he is tired, he can't work longer.
A. Because B. Even though C. Although D. Besides
2. _____ it was so cold, he went out without an overcoat.
A. If B. Since C. Although D. Because
3. _____ it was late, we decided to take a taxi home.
A. Because B. Since C. Because of D. Although
4. _____ you subtract 7 from 12, you will have 5.
A. Because B. If C. Though D. As
5. We couldn't reach the house _____ the road was flooded.
A. because B. because of C. if D. though
6. _____ he has a headache, he has to take an aspirin.
A. Because B. Because of C. Although D. In spite of

7. The flight had to be delayed _____ the bad weather.
 A. because B. Because of C. despite D. when
8. _____ he comes to the theater with me, I shall go alone.
 A. Because of B. Because C. Unless D. When
9. Take a map with you _____ you lose your way.
 A. so B. because C. although D. in case
10. _____ rain or snow, there are always more than fifty thousand fans at the football games.
 A. Even though B. Because C. Despite D. Because of
11. Minh had a terrible headache _____, he went to school.
 A. However B. But C. Although D. Because
12. Tom has a bike, _____ he always walks to school.
 A. but B. because of C. because D. despite
13. My sister will take the plane _____ she dislikes flying.
 A. because B. so that C. although D. before
14. We decided to leave the party early _____ it was boring.
 A. due to B. because C. but D. and
15. The students arrived late _____ the traffic jam.
 A. because B. owing to C. despite D. so
16. He didn't answer the questions correctly _____.
 A. although he isn't intelligent B. because he is intelligent
 C. in spite of his intelligence D. despite his intelligence
17. _____, I can't hear what he is saying.
 A. Because of the noise B. Because of the soft music
 C. Though the music is noise D. In spite of the noise music
18. _____, I feel very refresh.
 A. Because I work very hard B. Although I get up early
 C. Because of getting up early D. Despite getting up late
19. They live happily _____.
 A. because they have no money B. though they are rich
 C. in spite of their poverty D. because of their poor
20. He can't join in the volunteer campaign _____.
 A. although he is busy B. because he hurts his legs
 C. in spite of working very hard D. because of registering for it
21. Though he drove carefully, he had an accident yesterday.
 A. Despite his carelessness, he had an accident yesterday.
 B. Despite he drove carefully, he had an accident yesterday.
 C. In spite of driving carefully, he had an accident yesterday.
 D. In spite of a careful drive, he had an accident yesterday.
22. He was very tired but he kept on working.
 A. Despite very tired, he kept on working.
 B. Though his tiredness, he kept on working.
 C. Although he was very tired, but he kept on working.
 D. He kept on working although he was very tired.

23. Although it rained heavily, they went on working.
A. In spite of the rain heavily, they went on working.
B. In spite of the raining heavily, they went on working.
C. Despite the heavy rain, they went on working.
D. Though the fact that it rained heavily, they went on working.
24. Cars cause pollution but people still want them.
A. Because cars cause pollution, people want them.
B. Despite the fact that cars cause pollution, people want them.
C. Cars cause pollution although people want them.
D. Cars cause pollution because people still want them.
25. She was seriously ill but she enjoyed life very much.
A. In spite of her serious illness, she enjoyed life very much.
B. Although she enjoyed life very much, she was seriously ill.
C. She was seriously ill because she enjoyed life very much.
D. Despite seriously ill, she enjoyed life very much.