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✏ELTE Contrast quiz 254◐

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1. _____ it was raining heavily, the football match continued.

(A) Despite
(B) Although
(C) Whereas
(D) In spite of

2. My sister loves classical music _____ I prefer listening to rock.

(A) despite
(B) however
(C) whereas
(D) in spite of

3. _____ feeling exhausted, she finished the entire report before midnight.

(A) Although
(B) Whereas
(C) Despite
(D) Though

4. _____ he studied hard for the exam, he failed to achieve the required grade.

(A) In spite of
(B) Despite
(C) Although
(D) Whereas

5. _____ the heavy traffic, we arrived at the airport on time.

(A) Although
(B) However
(C) In spite of
(D) Whereas

6. The hotel was expensive, _____ the service was surprisingly poor.
(unexpected contrast between two ideas)

(A) in spite of

(B) yet

(C) despite

(D) although

7. Some people enjoy working in a team. _____, others are more productive when working alone.

(A) Despite

(B) Although

(C) Conversely

(D) In spite of

8. _____ he is very wealthy, he lives a remarkably simple life.

(A) Despite

(B) In spite of

(C) Although

(D) Whereas

9. _____ being younger than his colleagues, Mark has more professional experience than any of them.

(A) Although

(B) Whereas

(C) Despite

(D) Yet

10. I expected the journey to be tiring. It was, _____, much more enjoyable than I had imagined.

(A) despite

(B) whereas

(C) conversely

(D) although

11. _____ the restaurant was fully booked, the manager managed to find us a table.

(A) Despite

(B) In spite of

(C) Though

(D) Whereas

12. _____ having all the necessary qualifications, she was rejected for the position.

(A) Although

(B) In spite of

(C) Whereas

(D) Yet

13. My father prefers living in the countryside _____ my mother enjoys the excitement of city life.

(A) despite

(B) yet

(C) whereas

(D) in spite of

14. The task was extremely difficult. _____, the students managed to complete it successfully.

(A) Although

(B) Despite

(C) In spite of

(D) Yet

15. _____ he had prepared thoroughly for the interview, he failed to get the job.

(A) However

(B) Despite

(C) In spite of the fact that

(D) In spite of

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Answer Key
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1. _____ it was raining heavily, the football match continued.

A Despite

✓ B Although

C Whereas

D In spite of

i Although is followed by a subject and a verb (it was raining). We use it to introduce a contrast between two ideas.

2. My sister loves classical music _____ I prefer listening to rock.

A despite

B however

✓ C whereas

D in spite of

i Whereas is used to contrast two people, things, or situations. It highlights the difference between your sister's preference and yours.

3. _____ feeling exhausted, she finished the entire report before midnight.

A Although

B Whereas

✓ C Despite

D Though

i Despite is followed by a noun or an -ing form (feeling exhausted), not a complete clause.

4. _____ he studied hard for the exam, he failed to achieve the required grade.

A In spite of

B Despite

✓ C Although

D Whereas

i Although can introduce a complete clause containing a subject (he) and a verb (studied). Despite and in

spite of usually take a noun, pronoun, or -ing form.

5. _____ the heavy traffic, we arrived at the airport on time.

A Although

B However

✓ C In spite of

D Whereas

i In spite of is followed by a noun phrase (the heavy traffic). It means that something happened despite an obstacle.

6. The hotel was expensive, _____ the service was surprisingly poor.
(unexpected contrast between two ideas)

A in spite of

✓ B yet

C despite

D although

i Yet is a coordinating conjunction that expresses an unexpected contrast between two clauses. The hotel was expensive, but the service was poor.

7. Some people enjoy working in a team. _____, others are more productive when working alone.

A Despite

B Although

✓ C Conversely

D In spite of

i Conversely is a linking adverb used to introduce an opposing or contrasting idea. It is often used at the beginning of a sentence and followed by a comma.

8. _____ he is very wealthy, he lives a remarkably simple life.

A Despite

B In spite of

✓ C Although

D Whereas

i Although is followed by a subject and a verb (he is). The sentence contrasts his wealth with his simple lifestyle.

9. _____ being younger than his colleagues, Mark has more professional experience than any of them.

A Although

B Whereas

✓ C Despite

D Yet

i Despite is followed by the -ing form being. The sentence expresses an unexpected contrast between Mark's age and his experience.

10. I expected the journey to be tiring. It was, _____, much more enjoyable than I had imagined.

A despite

B whereas

✓ C conversely

D although

i Conversely introduces an opposing perspective. Here, however, the most natural expression in everyday English would be however. Of the given options, conversely is the closest contrast linker, although it is not ideal in this context.

11. _____ the restaurant was fully booked, the manager managed to find us a table.

A Despite

B In spite of

✓ C Though

D Whereas

i Though can introduce a complete clause (the restaurant was fully booked). It is similar in meaning to although and is often slightly more informal.

12. _____ having all the necessary qualifications, she was rejected for the position.

A Although

✓ B In spite of

C Whereas

D Yet

i In spite of is followed by an -ing form (having). It emphasizes that the rejection happened even though she met the formal requirements.

13. My father prefers living in the countryside _____ my mother enjoys the excitement of city life.

A despite

B yet

✓ C whereas

D in spite of

i Whereas directly contrasts two different preferences. It is particularly useful when comparing people, opinions, or lifestyles.

14. The task was extremely difficult. _____, the students managed to complete it successfully.

A Although

B Despite

C In spite of

✓ D Yet

i Yet can connect contrasting ideas, including at the beginning of a sentence in a more formal or literary style. The success of the students was unexpected given the difficulty of the task.

15. _____ he had prepared thoroughly for the interview, he failed to get the job.

A However

B Despite

✓ C In spite of the fact that

D In spite of

i The correct expression is "in spite of the fact that", followed by a subject and a verb (he had prepared).