

ELTE Summer quiz 14 - Cause → Consequence

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- ☐ (B) due to
- ☐ (C) consequently
- ☐ (D) as a result

2. The road was closed because of heavy snowfall. _____, several flights were cancelled.

- ☐ (A) Because
- ☐ (B) Due to
- ☐ (C) As a consequence
- ☐ (D) Since

3. She had been working overtime for several weeks; _____, she decided to take a few days off.

- ☐ (A) owing to
- ☐ (B) consequently
- ☐ (C) because
- ☐ (D) due to

4. _____ the lack of reliable public transport, many residents choose to drive to work.

- ☐ (A) Therefore
- ☐ (B) As a result
- ☐ (C) Because
- ☐ (D) Owing to

5. A lack of communication between the departments _____ several serious misunderstandings.

- ☐ (A) brought about
- ☐ (B) due to
- ☐ (C) as a result
- ☐ (D) in consequence

6. He couldn't attend the conference _____ a family emergency.

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- ☐ (D) consequently

7. The researchers discovered a serious error in the data. _____, they decided to repeat the experiment.

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- ☐ (C) Because of
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8. _____ she had prepared thoroughly for the interview, she felt confident about her chances.

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9. The government introduced new regulations; _____, businesses had to change several of their procedures.

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- ☐ (B) as a result
- ☐ (C) owing to
- ☐ (D) since

10. The flight was delayed _____ technical problems with the aircraft.

- ☐ (A) consequently
- ☐ (B) therefore
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- ☐ (D) as a result

11. _____ the economic crisis, many small businesses were forced to close.

- ☐ (A) Consequently
- ☐ (B) As a result
- ☐ (C) Because
- ☐ (D) As a consequence of

12. The concert was cancelled _____ the lead singer's sudden illness.

- ☐ (A) as a result
- ☐ (B) therefore
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- ☐ (D) consequently

13. Many of the problems in the education system _____ a lack of adequate funding.

- ☐ (A) bring about
- ☐ (B) spring from
- ☐ (C) as a result
- ☐ (D) result in

14. The company introduced flexible working hours, which _____ a much higher job satisfaction.

- ☐ (A) Spring from
- ☐ (B) Bring about
- ☐ (C) resulted in
- ☐ (D) Result in

15. The ongoing conflict between the two communities _____ a long history of political and social tensions.

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- ☐ **B** stems from
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i Due to introduces a cause and is followed by a noun or noun phrase. Here, "a significant drop in sales" is the cause of the staff reduction.

2. The road was closed because of heavy snowfall. _____, several flights were cancelled.

- ☐ A Because
- ☐ B Due to
- ☒ C As a consequence
- ☐ D Since

i As a consequence introduces a result. The heavy snowfall caused the road closure and the cancellation of several flights.

3. She had been working overtime for several weeks; _____, she decided to take a few days off.

- ☐ A owing to
- ☒ B consequently
- ☐ C because
- ☐ D due to

i Consequently means "as a result" and is used to introduce the consequence of a previous situation.

4. _____ the lack of reliable public transport, many residents choose to drive to work.

- A Therefore
- B As a result
- C Because
- ✓ D Owing to

i Owing to means "because of" and is followed by a noun or noun phrase. "The lack of reliable public transport" is the cause.

5. A lack of communication between the departments _____ several serious misunderstandings.

- ✓ A brought about
- B due to
- C as a result
- D in consequence

i Bring about means to cause or produce a result. Here, poor communication caused the misunderstandings.

6. He couldn't attend the conference _____ a family emergency.

- A therefore
- B as a result
- ✓ C because of
- D consequently

i Because of expresses a cause and is followed by a noun or noun phrase. "A family emergency" is the reason he couldn't attend.

7. The researchers discovered a serious error in the data. _____, they decided to repeat the experiment.

- ✓ A Consequently
- B Due to
- C Because of
- D Owing to

i Consequently introduces the result of discovering the error: the researchers decided to repeat the experiment.

8. _____ she had prepared thoroughly for the interview, she felt confident about her chances.

- ☐ A Therefore
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- ☒ C Since
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i Since can introduce a cause and must be followed by a clause containing a subject and verb: "she had prepared thoroughly."

9. The government introduced new regulations; _____, businesses had to change several of their procedures.

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i As a result introduces a consequence. The new regulations caused businesses to change their procedures.

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12. The concert was cancelled _____ the lead singer's sudden illness.

- ☐ A as a result
- ☐ B therefore
- ☒ C because of
- ☐ D consequently

i Because of introduces the reason for something and is followed by a noun phrase. The singer's illness was the cause of the cancellation.

13. Many of the problems in the education system _____ a lack of adequate funding.

- ☐ A bring about
- ☒ B spring from
- ☐ C as a result
- ☐ D result in

i Spring from means to originate from or be caused by something. Here, the problems originate from insufficient funding.

14. The company introduced flexible working hours, which _____ a much higher job satisfaction.

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- ☐ B Bring about
- ☒ C resulted in
- ☐ D Result in

i 'Result in' introduces a consequence. The flexible working hours caused employee satisfaction to increase.

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- ☒ B stems from
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i Stem from means to originate from or be caused by something. Here, the conflict originates from long-standing political and social tensions.