

Using Transitions
Exercise 1

Directions: Supply the most appropriate word or phrase to complete the meaning of the sentence by placing the letter in the blank. Be ready to explain your choice. Some sentences may have more than one answer.

1. At low water the houses which were built on pilings were twenty feet above the river, _____ in spring, when the river was at flood stage, only roof tops could be seen.
 - A. but
 - B. though
 - C. however
 - D. while
 - E. since

2. _____ computers were first developed, they were so complex that most office workers could not communicate with them.
 - A. After
 - B. Since
 - C. When
 - D. Though
 - E. Whereas

3. _____ computers are more user-friendly, they have become a convenient tool for all office workers.
 - A. Now that
 - B. Since
 - C. Though
 - D. Therefore
 - E. While

4. With computers to do some of the boring, repetitive tasks, office workers, _____ spending time on tedious tasks, will be able to concentrate on creative work.
 - A. after
 - B. since
 - C. by
 - D. instead of

5. Modern mystery stories that work well deal with motivation and are set in backgrounds that are accurate and intriguing. _____, they give the reader a lot of good information and social insight into the worlds of banking, racing, international finance, politics—whatever.
 - A. For example
 - B. Since
 - C. By
 - D. Instead of

6. _____ a furious battle, which lit up the night as bright as day, most of the Union ships moved through the barrier and steamed to New Orleans.
 - A. Whereas
 - B. Until
 - C. After
 - D. According to

7. Mexico City, with its culture, cinema, theater, and museums, continues to lure new residents, _____ to many, the city's problems have overshadowed its ambiance.
- A. because
 - B. therefore
 - C. since
 - D. but
 - E. for
8. Mexico City is trying to solve its pollution problem, but authorities estimate it will be years before the situation is reversed; _____ the city's problems are aggravated by its location on a high, dry lake bed surrounded by mountains and volcanoes.
- A. while
 - B. therefore
 - C. meanwhile
 - D. whereas
 - E. consequently
9. _____ Mexico City is located in a dry, dusty valley surrounded by mountains and volcanoes, smog collects and remains trapped in the valley.
- A. The fact that
 - B. Because
 - C. Although
 - D. While
 - E. Whereas
10. John was glad to have the stranger for a companion. _____ his new ally, John shared his picnic lunch and the nature of his quest.
- A. By
 - B. Being
 - C. With
 - D. Along with
 - E. Because of
11. _____ he was a child, he has enjoyed the stories about how the trolls, touched by the sun's rays, hardened into stone.
- A. When
 - B. Because
 - C. Ever since
 - D. Only when
12. I had no idea that the fight for women's rights actually began in the West _____ I read some of the stories and novels by Willa Cather.
- A. until
 - B. so
 - C. when
 - D. after
 - E. but

13. _____ commercial application of a robotic hand is not expected for another decade, one research thinks that some parts of the design, particularly the valves and tendons, will soon be used in the space program.
- A. Meanwhile
 - B. Because
 - C. On the other hand
 - D. Although
 - E. However
14. _____ the day progressed, attention was shifted to the problem of personal identity that shapes a work of art.
- A. When
 - B. As
 - C. While
 - D. In the meantime
 - E. After
15. _____ we are human, it is inevitable that we make mistakes.
- A. Though
 - B. Although
 - C. Because
 - D. In the meantime
 - E. After
16. Learning the cause and effect of certain situations, _____ specific events that directly affected mankind, is of the utmost importance to historical studies.
- A. along with
 - B. but
 - C. therefore
 - D. or
 - E. for
17. During the thirties, the impact of movies and radio cannot be overemphasized. The greatest impact, _____, was the automobile.
- A. meanwhile
 - B. at the same time
 - C. however
 - D. consequently
 - E. therefore
18. The stock market crash ushered in the worst economic depression the world has ever seen; _____ had Americans experienced such want and privation.
- A. when
 - B. often
 - C. in as much as
 - D. never before

19. The tales about the Yellow Emperor, like the tales about King Arthur and Robin Hood, may have genuine historical basis to them, _____ the details are rather suspect.
- A. and
 - B. in addition
 - C. at the same time
 - D. but
20. Whoever invented flying buttresses deserves a medal, a statue, even a commemorative stamp, _____ in more than a century of digging around in ancient archives, no one has been able to come up with the person's name.
- A. but
 - B. on the other hand
 - C. moreover
 - D. while
 - E. since