

Using Transitions
Exercise 2

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. I did not become socially active _____ I read about the melting of the polar ice caps.
 - A. until
 - B. so
 - C. when
 - D after
 - E. but

2. _____ I was convinced that if we did not act quickly the climate shift would be irreversible.
 - A. At first
 - B. Before
 - C. Meanwhile
 - D. Eventually
 - E. As soon as

3. _____ much of the present coast of Florida and the East Coast would be under water.
 - A. Similarly
 - B. By the same token
 - C. While
 - D. In the meantime
 - E. Additionally

4. _____ the majority of the world's nations have signed an agreement to limit and reduce future CO₂ emissions, there is no mechanism to enforce such an agreement.
 - A. Though
 - B. Although
 - C. Because
 - D. In the meantime
 - E. After

5. Learning the causes and effects of climate change, _____ the specific changes that each of us can make in our daily lives, can mitigate the consequences of those changes.
 - A. along with
 - B. but
 - C. therefore
 - D. or
 - E. for

6. The impact of burning coal on CO₂ emissions cannot be overemphasized. The greatest impact, _____, is made by the automobile.
- A. meanwhile
 - B. at the same time
 - C. however
 - D. consequently
 - E. therefore
7. The last three years have seen the hottest temperatures ever recorded; _____, the severity of storms during the spring has steadily increased.
- A. for example
 - B. especially
 - C. namely
 - D. in addition
 - E. consequently
8. _____ certain industries, such as coal mining, would diminish if strict emission standards for electricity generation were adopted, many others, including wind and solar would expand.
- A. Granted
 - B. Of course
 - C. Although it is true
 - D. Naturally
 - E. Especially
9. _____ there are already more people with jobs in wind and solar than in coal production.
- A. Definitely
 - B. In fact,
 - C. Specifically
 - D. Indeed
 - E. Expressly
10. China has agreed to reduce its emissions over the next five years; _____ many countries, such as India and Nigeria, continue to expand.
- A. whereas
 - B. although
 - C. however
 - D. on the contrary
 - E. because
11. _____ the warming climate will change the pattern of crop production in countries such as the United States.
- A. Next
 - B. Before

- C. Because
- D. As soon as
- E. In the meantime

12. _____ wheat production will shift north, making Canada a larger exporter of grain than the United States.

- A. Immediately
- B. Hence
- C. Therefore
- D. Notwithstanding
- E. For example

13. In the United States, _____, more severe and prolonged droughts will increase in the West.

- A. conversely
- B. accordingly
- C. so
- D. immediately
- E. then

14. As the climate changes, more adaptable species will, _____, extend their ranges northward.

- A. therefore
- B. at the same time
- C. on the contrary
- D. expressly
- E. notwithstanding

15. Less adaptable species, _____, will simply go extinct.

- A. granted
- B. on the contrary
- C. soon
- D. definitely
- E. earlier

16. In the past, the earth has recorded five major periods when most species went extinct; _____ so many species have and are going extinct in the present era, many scientists have labeled this the sixth extinction.

- A. nonetheless
- B. although
- C. since
- D. finally
- E. yet

17. _____, humans have so radically reshaped and changed earth's environment that scientists now refer to our era as the Anthropocene.
- A. Notwithstanding
 - B. In fact
 - C. Still
 - D. Of course
 - E. Obviously
18. One major driver of human impact on the environment, _____, is the continued growth of the human population.
- A. in the meantime
 - B. eventually
 - C. accordingly
 - D. besides
 - E. moreover
19. While the human growth rate continues to decline, world population stands at 7.5 billion today; _____, even though the rate is expected to continue to fall, total human population is expected to rise to 11 billion by 2050.
- A. next
 - B. yet
 - C. since
 - D. therefore
 - E. hence
20. _____, as a global society we should begin to rethink the business model of continuous growth as a paradigm for the future.
- A. Despite
 - B. Additionally
 - C. Besides
 - D. Also
 - E. In conclusion