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Advanced Concessive Clauses: As, Though, and Albeit

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1. Complete the food critic's brutally honest review of an avant-garde restaurant's "deconstructed toast" dish. Select ALL the options that correctly fill in the blank to create a valid concessive clause.

_____, I simply refuse to pay $45 for a pile of warm breadcrumbs and a side of butter vapor.

Select all that apply.

A) Much as I appreciate culinary innovation
B) However much I appreciate culinary innovation
C) No matter how much I appreciate culinary innovation
D) As much I appreciate culinary innovation
E) Even though much I appreciate culinary innovation

2. Help the heavily scratched pet owner complete their text message about a failed wardrobe change.

_____, I simply could not get the festive holiday sweater onto Mr. Fluffles.

Select one.

A) Trying as I might
B) Try as I might
C) Despite I tried
D) However hard did I try

3. Help the wizard's apprentice document today's failed magical experiment! Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that describe the situation using advanced concessive clauses.

Select all that apply.

A) Powerful though the wizard was, he couldn't turn the teacup into a dragon.
B) Powerful as the wizard was, he couldn't turn the teacup into a dragon.
C) As powerful the wizard was, he couldn't turn the teacup into a dragon.
D) Although powerful the wizard was, he couldn't turn the teacup into a dragon.
E) However powerful was the wizard, he couldn't turn the teacup into a dragon.

4. Complete the fantasy author's dramatic manuscript about Sir Reginald's highly questionable dragon-taming strategy by selecting the correct option for each blank.

_____ the mighty dragon appeared, Sir Reginald refused to drop his feather duster. _____ the massive creature did to intimidate him, the stubbornly tidy knight simply offered to polish its scales. And _____ he had brought a real weapon to the cave, he probably would have just used it to comb the beast's mane.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) However terrifying
B) No matter terrifying
C) Although terrifyingly

Blank 2
A) Whatever
B) No matter
C) However

Blank 3
A) even if
B) even though
C) despite

5. Complete the enthusiastic inventor's pitch for their highly unusual, yet effective, new gadget.

_____, this giant umbrella hat actually keeps you perfectly dry during a hurricane!

Select one.

- **A)** Despite it sounds ridiculous
- **B)** However ridiculous does it sound
- **C)** Ridiculous as it may sound
- **D)** As it may sound ridiculous

6. Complete the astronaut's frustrated logbook entry about a tech failure in space by choosing the correct words for each blank.

The space station's Wi-Fi refused to connect, _____ many times Commander Jenkins restarted the ancient router.

She still couldn't load her favorite cat videos _____ flipping the main power switch off and on again.

The buffering circle of doom continued to mock her, _____ she did to boost the signal.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** however
- **B)** although
- **C)** despite

Blank 2

- **A)** despite
- **B)** in spite
- **C)** even though

Blank 3

- **A)** whatever
- **B)** no matter
- **C)** whichever

7. Select the correct phrase to complete this polite (but firm) text message declining a terrifying karaoke invitation.

_____, I think I'll pass on watching your boss butcher 80s power ballads at karaoke tonight.

Select one.

- **A)** As much I appreciate the offer
- **B)** In spite I appreciate the offer
- **C)** Even much as I appreciate the offer
- **D)** Much as I appreciate the offer

8. Help the science journalist complete their review of Dr. Aris Thorne's latest quirky invention by choosing the best concessive structure for each gap.

_____ we admire Dr. Thorne's ambition, we must admit his new "Toaster Time Machine" is a spectacular fire hazard. _____ he tried to calibrate the temporal dials, the device only managed to age a slice of sourdough bread by ten years. Ridiculous _____ it sounds, the resulting burnt toast did taste strangely futuristic!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Much as
- **B)** Even as
- **C)** Despite

Blank 2

- **A)** Hard although
- **B)** Hard as
- **C)** Hardly as

Blank 3

- **A)** though
- **B)** although
- **C)** even

9. Help the food critic finish their dramatic review of a disastrous dinner service by choosing the correct words for each blank.

The grand soufflé collapsed into a sad, eggy puddle, _____ as Chef Gordon might to save it.

He ultimately decided to just order a pizza for his guests, _____ as he prided himself on his culinary arts.

Something went terribly wrong in the oven, _____ though he had measured the delicate ingredients.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** try
- **B)** hard
- **C)** despite

Blank 2

- **A)** much
- **B)** although
- **C)** however

Blank 3

- **A)** careful
- **B)** carefully
- **C)** carefulness

10. You are proofreading the HR director's latest memo about the new "Mandatory Office Fun" policy. Select ALL the sentences that use formal concessive grammar correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The new "Mandatory Fun" policy was implemented immediately, albeit rather chaotically.
- **B)** The complaints from the accounting department notwithstanding, the mandatory Friday karaoke will continue.
- **C)** Notwithstanding the loud protests, the CEO has purchased a company-wide slip-and-slide.
- **D)** Albeit the employees protested loudly, the CEO purchased a company-wide slip-and-slide.
- **E)** Despite of the obvious safety hazards, the slip-and-slide is now open.