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Adverb Clauses of Reason: Because, Since, and As

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Adverb | Clause | Comma | Complex sentence | Conjunction | Phrase | Preposition | Punctuation

1. Complete the panicked student's email to their professor regarding a missed deadline. Choose the correct option for each gap.

Dear Professor,

I am writing to ask for a three-day extension _____ my laptop spontaneously combusted last night. _____ I lost all my files in the small fire, I have to start the essay completely from scratch. I hope you can grant me this extra time, _____ this was a completely unforeseeable disaster!

Sincerely,
Alex

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** as
- **B)** because of
- **C)** due to

Blank 2

- **A)** Because
- **B)** Because of
- **C)** Due to

Blank 3

- **A)** since
- **B)** because of
- **C)** due to

2. Help the time traveler complete his highly unusual excuse report for HR by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I arrived three centuries late _____ I accidentally typed the wrong year into the dial.

The HR department is furious with me _____ the massive paradox I created yesterday.

I will hide in the cafeteria _____ the timeline police are currently searching my cubicle.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** because
- **B)** because of
- **C)** resulting

Blank 2

- **A)** because of
- **B)** since
- **C)** as

Blank 3

- **A)** as
- **B)** due to
- **C)** although

3. Read the desperate sticky note left on the fridge and choose the right word to start the sentence.

___ we are completely out of coffee, I am borrowing your emergency stash of energy drinks.

Select one.

- **A)** Since
- **B)** Because of
- **C)** Therefore
- **D)** So

4. Chloe is frantically texting her best friend about the absolute tragedy of her ruined prom dress.

Select ALL the sentences that correctly use an adverb clause of reason without any grammatical errors.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I am crying because my cat slept on my silk dress.
- **B)** Since my cat completely ruined the fabric, I have nothing to wear.
- **C)** I am crying because of my cat ruined my silk dress.
- **D)** I have nothing to wear due to my cat ruined the fabric.

5. Help the panicked office worker choose the grammatically correct excuse to send to the boss.

Select the grammatically correct sentence.

Select one.

- **A)** I missed the morning meeting because my cat unplugged my alarm clock.
- **B)** I missed the morning meeting because of my cat unplugged my alarm clock.
- **C)** Because my cat unplugged my alarm clock I missed the morning meeting.
- **D)** Since my cat unplugged my alarm clock, so I missed the morning meeting.

6. Professor Higgins is translating an ancient fantasy manuscript. He needs to find sentences where the conjunction specifically introduces a **reason** (why something happened), rather than a point in **time** (when something happened).

Select ALL the sentences that contain an adverb clause of reason.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Since the dragon refused to brush its teeth, the villagers relocated to the next valley.
- **B)** As the knights were terrified of fire, they brought giant marshmallows to negotiate.
- **C)** Since the king was crowned in 1402, the kingdom has enjoyed uninterrupted peace.
- **D)** As the wizard was casting the spell, his wand suddenly snapped in half.

7. Complete the starship captain's slightly embarrassing log entry by selecting the correct conjunction.

We had to land on the swamp planet ___ our ship's hyperdrive was making a sound like a dying washing machine.

Select one.

- **A)** as
- **B)** so
- **C)** because of
- **D)** nevertheless

8. Help the chaotic cooking show host explain her latest kitchen disaster. Select the correct option for each blank.

The chocolate cake exploded in the oven _____ I accidentally used three cups of baking soda instead of flour. _____ the kitchen ceiling is now completely covered in batter, we will be taking a short commercial break! Please don't change the channel, _____ I still need to show you how to make the vanilla frosting.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** because
- **B)** so
- **C)** because of

Blank 2

- **A)** As
- **B)** So
- **C)** Therefore

Blank 3

- **A)** since
- **B)** because of
- **C)** therefore

9. Help the detective complete her final report by choosing the grammatically correct word.

The suspect couldn't have stolen the diamond ___ he was locked in the police station at the time.

Select one.

- **A)** because
- **B)** because of
- **C)** due to
- **D)** therefore

10. Fill in the blanks for the reality TV contestant's dramatic confession by choosing the correct words.

I voted Marcus off the island _____ he ate the last hidden mango. _____ we had all agreed to share the secret food stash, his betrayal was absolutely unforgivable. I feel absolutely no guilt about my decision, _____ he would have done the exact same thing to me!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** because
- **B)** so
- **C)** therefore

Blank 2

- **A)** Since
- **B)** Therefore
- **C)** Consequently

Blank 3

- **A)** as
- **B)** so
- **C)** due to

11. Commander Stella is drafting an apology email to Mission Control because she overslept on the day of her space flight.

Select ALL the correctly punctuated sentences she can use to explain her tardiness.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I missed the launch because my spacesuit was at the dry cleaners.
- **B)** Since my spacesuit was at the dry cleaners, I missed the launch.
- **C)** Because my spacesuit was at the dry cleaners I missed the launch.
- **D)** I missed the launch, since, my spacesuit was at the dry cleaners.

12. Help the baffled detective complete the report on the world's clumsiest art heist by selecting the correct words.

_____ the getaway car had a flat tire, the thieves decided to take the city bus. The police caught them easily _____ they paid the bus driver with the stolen ancient coins. The judge denied them bail, _____ they were still wearing their ski masks in the courtroom.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **A)** Since
- **B)** Because of
- **C)** Due to

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- **B)** because of
- **C)** due to

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13. Complete the dramatic chef's speech to his kitchen staff by choosing the correct word for each gap.

I threw away the truffles _____ they were not harvested under a full moon!

We will serve the soup cold today, and _____ you all know my hatred of microwaves, this shouldn't surprise you.

I am resigning as head chef _____ my culinary genius is clearly unappreciated here.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** because
- **B)** so
- **C)** although

Blank 2

- **A)** since
- **B)** due to
- **C)** because of

Blank 3

- **A)** as
- **B)** therefore
- **C)** despite

14. Help the visiting alien complete their apology letter to Earth's leaders by choosing the correct word for each blank.

The alien commander ordered a retreat _____ the humans were armed with terrifying water guns.

We must decline your offer of cheese, mainly _____ our spaceship is severely allergic to dairy.

Our ambassador is hiding under the table _____ he saw a tiny spider in the meeting room.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

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- **B)** therefore
- **C)** due to

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