

1- Heavy rains in Indonesia yesterday triggered widespread flooding and landslides across the nation. It has emerged that last night a bridge was swept away by the swollen river it stretched across., the total toll of those known or feared to be dead has reached 130.

- A) Meanwhile B) but for
C) on account of D) despite the fact that E) though

2- Former Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto was killed in a suicide attack _____ she was leaving a political rally in the city of Rawalpindi

- A) in spite of B) later C) as
D) afterwards E) lately

3- A recent treaty signalled the first peace agreement between the two parties in more than seven years. _____, many fear that settlement expansions will cause tension amid new peace agreements.

- A) Once B) Therefore
C) In that D) Accordingly
E) However

4- Dutch scientists have stated that burning your food may lead to certain types of cancer, particularly in women. Scientists _____ say that more research is needed to make a definite determination .

- A) besides B) in addition to
C) as well D) also
E) correspondingly

5- The labor strikes in France, which began on November 13, 2007, are continuing as hundreds of thousands of civil servants hold a 24-hour work stoppage. _____, the action by postal workers, teachers, air traffic controllers and hospital staff, have left many schools closed and airports facing delays and flight cancellations.

- A) as well as
B) also
C) In addition
D) As well
E) However

6- All students have been given two marks regardless of their answer, _____ some parents and students in top schools remain unsatisfied.

- A) whereas B) in contrast
C) nonetheless D) on the contrary
E) however

7- _____ the UN General Assembly stated that Israel's use of the bombs were "shocking and immoral", an Israeli military investigation has announced that the use of cluster bombs during the Israeli-Lebanon conflict last year did not violate international law.

- A) Though B) As though
C) Since D) But for
E) However

8- _____ the NSF refused to publicise any details of the crash, one anonymous passenger has come forward about the accident,

- A) Consequently B) So that
C) Despite the fact that D) so
E) Even

9- Security forces in Iraq have been placed on alert _____ the first anniversary of the execution of former President Saddam Hussein.

- A) despite
B) owing to
C) thus
D) As for
E) as a result

10- Mr. Mbacke was buried overnight on Friday, a number of hours before the news of his death was released----- ensure the ceremony was not disrupted by his grief-stricken "talibes" or disciples.

- A) so B) so that
C) due to D) in order to
E) instead of

11- _____ the contributive remarks, earlier talks with his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, and President Hu Jintao did not resolve a dispute over maritime gas fields.

- A) Despite B) Hence
C) Even D) So as to
E) On account of

12- The Bush administration highlighted the passage of the free -trade agreement with Peru as one of it successes in Latin America, _____ Colombia and Panama are still waiting for theirs to be approved by Congress.

- A) Although B) while
C) accordingly D) in that
E) Therefore

13- such furniture as tables, chairs and cupboards can be made of metals or plastics, most people prefer the look of wood.

- A) Besides B) Thus
C) Whereas D) Although
E) Therefore

14- Each chemical element has its own individual pattern of dark lines. The spectrum can reveal what elements the star includes.

- A) so B) also
C) as D) due to
E) therefore

15- The Egyptian authorities agreed to restrict the Palestinian pilgrims' re-entry after a meeting with Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak, ----- Israeli officials quoted by the Associated Press news agency.

- A) In accordance with
B) according to
C) so as to
D) in order to
E) as for

16- Mr. Abbott was born in Genoa, his famous expedition to the North Atlantic in 1597 was financed by the English King, Henry VIII.

- A) Although B) Consequently
C) Besides D) Thus
E) Moreover

17- Kurtz sees the meaninglessness of Asian standards of the time, and changes his entire perception and behavior.

- A) so B) therefore
C) due to D) though
E) thus

18- the expedition ended in disaster, Franklin had shown that the Southwest Passage existed.

- A) Hence
B) Due to
C) Besides
D) Although
E) Thus

19- this has been fulfilled in experiments, it has not yet proved a commercial source of energy.

- A) Hence B) As a result
C) Despite D) Even though
E) So

20- The international war crimes tribunal has summoned Mr Markac to the Hague for breaking the terms of his parole. ----- , he was prohibited leaving his home in the capital, Zagreb, without permission.

- A) So B) Inasmuch As
C) Although D) Moreover
E) Whereas

21- whales have no fur, they are warm-blooded mammals.

- A) Due to B) Though
C) In spite of D) Therefore
E) Besides

22- leaves vary in their shape, size, and colour, they are often thin and flat

- A) Furthermore B) Therefore
C) Even though D) Besides
E) As a result

23- To pay the salaries of government employees, Mr. Fayyaad has been relying on tax revenues which the Israelis collect on the Palestinian Authority's behalf, -- -- these backdated payments will soon dry up.

- A) so B) while
C) nonetheless D) moreover
E) but

24- ----- it was not confirmed by authorities, the Palestinians have accused the Israelis of trying to torpedo a peace deal and are calling for a total freeze on settlement building in the West Bank and East Jerusalem

- A) Although B) Despite
C) Due to D) In Fact
E) Consequently

25- Repairing the space shuttle's faulty fuel sensor system will probably postpone Columbus' arrival at the orbital outpost to late January or February. Space station programme manager Mike Suffredini, -----, said on Thursday that Nasa would still like to see Europe's Automated Transfer Vehicle, known as the Jules Verne, lift off as planned in mid-to-late February.

- A) consequently B) however
C) as D) owing to
E) hence

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1)	A
2)	C
3)	E
4)	D
5)	C
6)	A
7)	A
8)	C
9)	B
10)	D
11)	A
12)	B
13)	D
14)	B
15)	A
16)	A
17)	A
18)	D
19)	D
20)	D
21)	B
22)	C
23)	E
24)	A
25)	B