1. Fill in the blanks with a suitable linking word. Don’t repeat it!

1. Ellie went to bed late yesterday, ……… she overslept this morning.
2. My brother is taking some vitamins …………… he doesn’t feel weak.
3. ………… Paul did his best to save the company, his effort was useless.
4. ………… the weather forecast predicted a lot of rain, we stayed at home.
5. Jim has taken up jogging ………  keep fit.
6. Sally worked hard. …………, her boss thought she didn’t.
7. Everybody was late for school this morning …………… the bus strike.
8. You had better take the raincoat …………… it rains this afternoon.
9. I don’t want to go skating. ……………, the ice is too thin.
10. Mary got really angry …………… her boyfriend hadn’t phoned her for two days.

2. Correct the sentences if necessary.

1. Despite of helping Mary, she didn’t thank me.

2. The weather was terrible since we decided to stay at home.

3. I’ll send you a message whether I am late for dinner.

4. Ellie sings very well. Beside, she plays the piano beautifully.

5. The meal was really salty, though nobody could finish it.

6. In spite of they have been to England several times, they can’t speak English.

7. Carol is going to the dentist in order that to relieve her toothache.

8. As the book looked so boring, I didn’t buy it.

9. Unless we don’t finish our project tonight, we’ll have to work next weekend.

3. Rewrite the sentences using the linking word in brackets. Make the necessary changes:

1. Mark is learning German. He wants to apply for a job in Germany (in order to).

2. The football match was cancelled. One of the goalkeepers was ill (due to).

3. The guests ate all the food. Mary doesn’t cook very well (although).

4. My car has just broken down. I’ll have to buy a new one (since).

5. Paula didn’t get the job. She had the right qualifications (in spite of).

6. My father’s health has improved a lot. He gave up smoking two months ago (as a result).

7. Sally won’t come to the party. You don’t invite her (unless).

8. My mother does the cooking and the housework. She looks after my grandparents (besides).

9. Carol failed her exam. She didn’t study hard (so).

10. Do your homework or you’ll be punished (if).

11. He couldn’t catch the bus. Pat was late for the conference (because).

12. My brother speaks English fluently. He’s studying French now (moreover).

13. He forgot our date. Paul had to work late yesterday (as).

14. Bob promised to send me an email. He might not come to the pub (in case).

15. The police officer stopped Randy at the airport. His passport wasn’t up-to-date (so)

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17. Pass me the pen, please. I want to sign the petition (to).

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