**Exercise 1)** **Join the sentences with a suitable conjunction. There may be more than one possible answer for each sentence.**

1. I went to bed early. I would be able to get up early to study for the test.

2. It’s an excellent course. I’m very lucky to get a place on it.

3. I don’t really want to go to the cinema tonight. I must prepare a paper for tomorrow’s class.

4. There is very little that the company can do about this. It is not their responsibility.

5. I’ve known her for a long time. I don’t know much about her research.

6. She’s extremely generous. Her colleague is the exact opposite.

7. I didn’t say that. I didn’t even think it.

8. The suspect is critically ill in hospital. We can’t interview him for the time being.

9. I like working here. The people are very friendly.

10. I could do the work tonight. I could get up early in the morning to do it.

11. In a way, I love the job. I hate it.

12. The economy has been in recession all year. Our sales have remained steady.

13. The Government are getting worried. They’re losing popularity.

14. My job is very interesting. It doesn’t pay very well.

15. You leave now. I’ll call the police.

**Exercise 2) Fill in the gaps with one of the suggested options (a, b, c or d)**

**A)** One of the quirks of the MegaCorp employment process is that existing employees are encouraged to act up, (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to perform the roles on a temporary basis at a level slightly more senior than their experience and qualifications would normally allow. An employee may do a job ably for months, if not years. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when the position is formally advertised and filled, that worker may well be passed over. Until that process began, the employee had had a reasonable level of job satisfaction. (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the permanent member of staff is appointed, the long-term employee may have become resentful towards the organization. (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they may leave, and in the meantime their productivity is likely to suffer.

1. a) nevertheless b) on the other hand c) i.e. d) subsequently

2. a) Finally b) Even though c) As well d) However

3. a) By the time b) Whereas c) Additionally d) Because

4. a) Eventually b) So that c) In order to d) Whenever

**B)** The choice is apparent: either the two partners demarcate the sides of the business entirely ((5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one deals with suppliers and the other with customers), or they find ways of sharing more than the minimum of information. When a micro-enterprise hires its first employee, the lines of communication triple: (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what previously existed, we must factor in A to C, C to A, and also B to C and C to B.

5. a) at first b) e.g. c) at last d) in order to

6. a) in addition to b) also c) but also d) afterwards

**C)** Some householders with ample storage space choose to bulk-buy their food from out-of-town superstores. Once the costs of driving there and back are taken into consideration, (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is not clear that this represents a real savings.

7. a) moreover b) as well as c) even though d) though

**D)** (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American companies strip-mine parts of their own country, they are subject to criticism and protest. The protesters, (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are not in the main calling for the overthrow of the capitalist system – even the terminology seems dated. Instead, they are attacking one company or one industry, and trusting to the legal system and public opinion to help win their case.

8. a) In the meantime b) Whenever c) At the same time d) Subsequently

9. a) on the other hand b) while c) however d) whereas

**E)** It is necessary to have watertight proof of wrong-doing (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ firing a staff member for gross misconduct such as theft, or their dismissal could (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be deemed unfair by an industrial tribunal. There also remains the issue of error; if it turns out that the employee was not, after all, involved in the theft, then the employer has lost a valuable employee for nothing. (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there is the bad PR that such a move may generate.

10. a) as soon as b) while c) before d) after

11. a) meanwhile b) in the meantime d) on the other hand d) subsequently

12. a) Next b) At last c) Finally d) Apparently

**F)** (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ multinational agribusiness is thriving, it is difficult for family farmers to survive. Government subsidy goes to big producers with clout; lobbyists for meat and dairy ensure that their industries do well, (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ orchards continue to be dug up and heritage lost. However, there are tendencies working against this centralization, (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Slow Food campaign, and the movements for organic produce and free-range animal products, for traceability and provenance, for farmers’ markets, and for locally-grown food.

13) a) On the one hand b) Even though c) But d) Despite

14) a) nevertheless b) whereas c) in spite of d) despite

15) a) that is to say b) namely c) as well d) such as