Sentence Structure (Conjunctions, Connectors and Auxiliaries) Worksheet 2:

Exercise 1: Mixed Conjunctions (Gap Fill)

Instruction: Complete the sentences using a word from the box. Use each word only once. There are four extra words which you do not need to use.

Word Bank: OTHERWISE • MOREOVER • FOR • AS • ALTHOUGH • DUE TO • CASE • DESPITE • PROVIDED • WHILE • NEVERTHELESS • EVEN • ORDER • SINCE

1. The university has introduced a new scholarship programme in _____ to attract more international students.
2. Please keep your mobile phone switched on in _____ the hospital needs to contact you urgently.
3. _____ the heavy snowfall, the airport remained open and flights continued to land on schedule.
4. You will not be charged a cancellation fee _____ that you inform the hotel at least 24 hours in advance.
5. _____ he had a valid ticket, the passenger was denied boarding because his passport had expired.
6. The negotiation process was extremely difficult; _____, we managed to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.
7. We must finish the inventory check by 5:00 pm, _____ we will have to come back and finish it on Saturday.
8. He refused to accept the job offer, _____ though the salary was significantly higher than his current one.
9. _____ the manager was explaining the new software, the power suddenly went out in the conference room.
10. The updated safety manual must be read by all employees, _____ strictly mandated by the new government regulations.

Exercise 2: The Ghost Verbs (Open Cloze)

Instruction: Read the text below. Use only one **auxiliary** or **modal** verb in each gap (e.g., be, do, have, will, would, could).

The Tunguska Event.

In 1908, a massive explosion flattened 2,000 square kilometres of forest in Siberia, yet no crater was ever found. This phenomenon, known as the Tunguska Event, is believed to (1) _____ been caused by a meteor exploding in the atmosphere. The blast was so powerful that not only (2) _____ it flatten 80 million trees, but it also knocked people off their feet hundreds of kilometres away.

Scientists estimate that if the explosion (3) _____ occurred over a major metropolitan area, millions of people (4) _____ have lost their lives. For decades, researchers (5) _____ struggled to explain exactly what happened, as no meteorite fragments were initially discovered. Some theories suggested it (6) _____ have been a comet made of ice, which evaporated before hitting the ground. Today, we (7) _____ know that it was likely a stony asteroid. However, the event serves as a stark warning: we (8) _____ well face a similar threat from the skies in the future.

Exercise 3: The Editor (Error Correction)

Instruction: Read the text below about a famous cat. There are **6 grammar errors** related to connectors, conjunctions, or auxiliary verbs. Find the errors and correct them.

Unsinkable Sam.

"Unsinkable Sam" was a ship's cat famous for surviving three separate shipwrecks during World War II. He started his career on the German battleship *Bismarck*. During the ship was sunk in 1941, Sam was found floating on a board and was rescued by the British destroyer *HMS Cossack*. He stayed on the *Cossack* unless it, too, was torpedoed later that year. Miraculously, Sam survived again. He was then transferred to the aircraft carrier *HMS Ark Royal*. However, his luck did not run out yet. When the *Ark Royal* sank, Sam was found clinging to a floating plank, "angry but quite unharmed". Some sailors believed that Sam must to be a lucky charm, despite others thought he was a bad omen. If he has stayed on land from the beginning, he might have lived a much quieter life.

Write your corrections below:

1. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
2. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
3. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
4. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
5. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____
6. Error: _____ -> Correction: _____

Sentence Structure Worksheet 2:

Exercise 1 Answers

1. **ORDER** (Structure: "in order to")
2. **CASE** (Fixed phrase: "in case")
3. **DESPITE** (Preposition + Noun Phrase: "Despite the heavy snowfall")
4. **PROVIDED** (Conditional: "provided that")
5. **ALTHOUGH** (Subordinating Conjunction + Clause: "Although he had")
6. **NEVERTHELESS** (Contrast)
7. **OTHERWISE** (Conditional: "if not, then")
8. **EVEN** (Concessive: "even though")
9. **WHILE** (Time Conjunction: Simultaneous action)
10. **AS** (Preposition/Conjunction: "as strictly mandated")

Exercise 2 Answers

1. **have** (Perfect Infinitive: "to have been")
2. **did** (Inversion: "not only did it")
3. **had** (3rd Conditional: "if... had occurred")
4. **would** (3rd Conditional Result: "would have lost")
5. **have** (Present Perfect: "researchers have struggled")
6. **might / could** (Modal of deduction: "might have been")
7. **do** (Emphatic auxiliary: "we do know")
8. **may / might / could** (Future possibility: "we may well face")

Exercise 3 Answers

1. Error: **During** (line 2) -> Correction: **When** (Must be followed by a clause, not "During").
2. Error: **unless** (line 4) -> Correction: **until** (Time conjunction meaning "up to the time that").
3. Error: **did** (line 5) -> Correction: **had** (Past Perfect "had not run out yet").
4. Error: **must to** (line 7) -> Correction: **must** (Modals take the bare infinitive without 'to').
5. Error: **despite** (line 7) -> Correction: **although** / **while** ("Despite" cannot be followed by a clause like "others thought").
6. Error: **has** (line 8) -> Correction: **had** (3rd Conditional "If he had stayed").