ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Despite or In Spite Of Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. ___ the cold weather, we had a picnic in the park.
✔ **B) Despite**
Despite is followed directly by a noun, with no of.

2. She finished the marathon in spite ___ a painful knee.
✔ **C) of**
In spite of is three words and always needs of.

3. ___ it was late, the children weren't tired.
✔ **A) Although**
A full clause (it was late) follows, so we need a conjunction such as although.

4. Despite ___ a lot, he didn't pass his driving test.
✔ **A) practising**
After despite, a verb takes the -ing form.

5. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **D) In spite of the noise, I slept well.**
Only in spite of, as three words, is correct here. Despite of and inspite are mistakes.

6. We enjoyed the trip despite the ___ that it rained every day.
✔ **B) fact**
Despite the fact that is the fixed way to put a full clause after despite.

7. I didn't want to like the new song, but I started singing along in spite of ___.
✔ **D) myself**
In spite of yourself means although you didn't intend to.

8. He broke his sister's model ship out of ___.
✔ **A) spite**
Out of spite means doing something to hurt or annoy someone. Despite is a preposition and can't follow out of.

9. The traffic was terrible. ___, we arrived on time.
✔ **C) However**
However links two separate sentences. Despite and in spite of need a noun after them, and although needs a clause.

10. ___ feeling nervous, she gave a brilliant speech.
✔ **B) In spite of**
In spite of (or despite) is followed by an -ing form. Although and even though need a subject and verb.

11. The match went ahead, the heavy rain ___.
✔ **A) notwithstanding**
Notwithstanding is a formal word for despite, and it can come after its noun. Despite and in spite of must come before it.

12. ___ the fact that he was the youngest, he was the fastest runner on the team.
✔ **B) Despite**
Despite the fact that + clause is correct. Although and even though can't be followed by the fact that here.

13. ___ she had a cold, she still came to the concert.
✔ **C) Even though**
Even though is a conjunction and is followed by a full clause.

14. That was a really ___ thing to say. Why were you so unkind?
✔ **D) spiteful**
Spiteful is the adjective: unkind on purpose.

15. Despite all their ___, the team couldn't find the lost ball.
✔ **C) efforts**
Despite all their efforts is a common phrase. Despite needs a noun here.

16. The test was very hard. Despite ___, most of us passed.
✔ **A) this**
Despite this links back to the sentence before. Despite takes a pronoun directly, with no of.

17. She tidied her room just to ___ her sister, who said she never would.
✔ **A) spite**
To spite someone means to annoy them on purpose. Here spite is a verb.

18. ___ Tom arriving late, we started the meeting on time.
✔ **D) Despite**
Despite + someone + -ing is correct. Although and even though need a full clause: Although Tom arrived late.

19. Our holiday was great in spite of ___.
✔ **B) everything**
In spite of everything is a common phrase. In spite of needs a noun or pronoun, not a clause.

20. In spite of the fact ___ the shop is small, it is always busy.
✔ **C) that**
In spite of the fact that + clause is the fixed pattern, the same as despite the fact that.