Grammar Exercise 2

(A) Showing Concessions 讓步/轉折

1) Although/Though

~~Although it was raining, but we still went on the picnic   (X)

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*** In Cantonese, 雖然 and 但係 are used together.

But in English, “although” and “but” are _______________ used together
like this. It must be one or the other.

2) Despite/In spite of  儘管

I’m still doing a live report despite the storm.

I can still recognize (辨認) you in spite of your lie (欺騙).
We use despite/in spite of before a ____________ or a ____________.

There should be no ____________ after despite/in spite of.

Exercise 1: True or False

1) I got poor results although I work very hard.

2) Although I work very hard, but I got poor results.

3) Despite there is a rain, I still go swimming.

4) In spite of the rain, I still go swimming.

Exercise 2: Circle the correct answers in brackets

1) (Though / Despite) the rain, they went to the beach.

2) (Although / In spite of) she had failed twice, she did not give up.

3) He is unhappy (though / despite) he is rich.

4) He had a difficult time doing the test questions (although / in spite of) his efforts.

(B) Showing Results

1) As a result e.g. I wake up late. As a result, I miss the bus.

2) Therefore e.g. I talk loudly in class. Therefore, I am punished.

3) Thus e.g. We are F.4 students now. Thus, we need to work harder.

4) so e.g. I worked hard so I got 100 marks in exam.
*** We usually put the first three connectives at the _____________ of the sentence.

*** There is usually a _____________ ( ) after the connective.

**Exercise 3: Matching**

| 1) Sam studied very hard for the exams.       | a. and therefore he needs to get a second job |
| 2) Mr. Ho owes the bank a lot of money        | b. As a result, he passed all of them.       |
| 3) Betty did not sleep well last night.       | c. as a result of catching the flu           |
| 4) The Typhoon Signal No.9 is hoisted.        | d. and thus she could not get promoted to Form 4. |
| 5) Mr. Chan plans to expand his business.     | e. Thus, he is going to recruit more people. |
| 6) Paul broke the rules again and again.      | f. Consequently, all classes have been cancelled. |
| 7) Ken was absent from school                 | g. As a consequence, he was kicked out of school. |
| 8) Ruby failed in almost all her subjects     | h. Therefore, she feels very tired today.    |
(C) Showing Purpose 目的

so that, in order to, so as to

I cry so that I can attract my mum’s attention.
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Exercise 4: Fill in the blanks with the correct connectives

1. There is a typhoon coming Hong Kong. (                      ), the football match has been cancelled.

2. My grandpa is short sighted. (                     ), he cannot see clearly without glasses.

3. Ann always gets high marks in the exams. (                     ), she never shows off to her classmates.

4. Tracy was caught cheating in the race (                      ), she was disqualified.

5. Roy did not follow the traffic rules when crossing the road. (                      ), he was hit by a car.