

Level 1 Grammar Progress Test December 2025 – Part 3

1. Choose the correct discourse marker.
The train was delayed; ____, we arrived late at the meeting.
 - a. however
 - b. therefore
 - c. meanwhile
 - d. otherwise

2. Choose the most appropriate discourse marker.
I was tired; ____, I decided to continue working.
 - a. therefore
 - b. meanwhile
 - c. however
 - d. similarly

3. Select the correct option.
She revised carefully; ____, she passed the exam.
 - a. nevertheless
 - b. as a result
 - c. otherwise
 - d. meanwhile

4. Choose the correct discourse marker.
The course is demanding; ____, it is extremely rewarding.
 - a. therefore
 - b. however
 - c. consequently
 - d. meanwhile

5. Choose the best option.
He forgot the deadline; ____, the application was rejected.
 - a. however
 - b. as a result
 - c. similarly
 - d. meanwhile

6. Choose the correct discourse marker.
The north of the country is industrial; ____, the south is mainly rural.
 - a. therefore
 - b. in addition
 - c. by contrast
 - d. as a result

7. Select the most suitable option.
The manager explained the policy; ____, she answered questions.
- a. however
 - b. afterwards
 - c. therefore
 - d. otherwise
8. Choose the correct discourse marker.
The report is clear; ____, some data needs updating.
- a. therefore
 - b. however
 - c. similarly
 - d. consequently
9. Choose the best option.
Attendance has improved; ____, results have remained the same.
- a. as a result
 - b. however
 - c. therefore
 - d. in addition
10. Select the correct discourse marker.
He missed the bus; ____, he was late for work.
- a. nevertheless
 - b. therefore
 - c. meanwhile
 - d. otherwise
11. Choose the correct option.
The proposal is expensive; ____, it offers long-term benefits.
- a. however
 - b. therefore
 - c. otherwise
 - d. meanwhile
12. Choose the most appropriate discourse marker.
She speaks French fluently; ____, she understands Italian.
- a. therefore
 - b. in contrast
 - c. in addition
 - d. however

13. Choose the correct option.
The system was upgraded; ____, performance improved.
- a. however
 - b. consequently
 - c. meanwhile
 - d. otherwise
14. Select the best discourse marker.
He apologised; ____, the situation remained tense.
- a. therefore
 - b. however
 - c. as a result
 - d. in addition
15. Choose the correct option.
The weather was poor; ____, the event went ahead.
- a. therefore
 - b. nevertheless
 - c. consequently
 - d. meanwhile
16. Choose the correct discourse marker.
She checked the figures; ____, she submitted the report.
- a. however
 - b. therefore
 - c. afterwards
 - d. otherwise
17. Choose the most suitable option.
The instructions were unclear; ____, several mistakes were made.
- a. however
 - b. as a result
 - c. meanwhile
 - d. in addition
18. Select the correct discourse marker.
The course is challenging; ____, many students enjoy it.
- a. therefore
 - b. however
 - c. similarly
 - d. consequently

19. Choose the best option.

He saved regularly; ____, he could afford the trip.

- a. meanwhile
- b. therefore
- c. however
- d. otherwise

20. Choose the correct discourse marker.

The first option is cheaper; ____, the second is more reliable.

- a. therefore
- b. in addition
- c. by comparison
- d. as a result

Complete the text by choosing the most appropriate discourse marker for each gap from the list.

The course was demanding; (1) ____, many learners found it rewarding. Attendance increased steadily during the term; (2) ____, exam results did not improve immediately. The tutor explained the task carefully; (3) ____, several students still asked for clarification. The instructions were revised; (4) ____, fewer errors appeared in later assignments. Funding was limited; (5) ____, the project was completed on schedule. She collected the data systematically; (6) ____, she was able to justify her conclusions clearly. The first option was cheaper; (7) ____, the second offered greater reliability. He missed several early sessions; (8) ____, he struggled in the final assessment. The software was upgraded successfully; (9) ____, a small number of issues remained. The team reviewed all the evidence; (10) ____, a final decision was made.

nevertheless / finally / meanwhile / however / even so / consequently /
therefore / by contrast / despite this / as a result