7.8 Connectives and Discourse Markers: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Identify the function of the connective or discourse marker shown in bold-quotes in each sentence below.

(a) 'The museum has extended its opening hours. Furthermore, entry is now free for students.' Function of 'Furthermore': **(1)**

- ☐ A) Addition
- ☐ B) Contrast
- ☐ C) Cause and effect
- ☐ D) Sequence/time
- ☐ E) Illustration

(b) 'Ali trained every day before the trials. However, he did not make the team.' Function of 'However': **(1)**

- ☐ A) Addition
- ☐ B) Contrast
- ☐ C) Cause and effect
- ☐ D) Sequence/time
- ☐ E) Illustration

(c) 'It rained heavily overnight. As a result, the football pitch was waterlogged.' Function of 'As a result': **(1)**

- ☐ A) Addition
- ☐ B) Contrast
- ☐ C) Cause and effect
- ☐ D) Sequence/time
- ☐ E) Illustration

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(d) 'Firstly, collect your equipment. Secondly, put on your safety goggles.' Function of 'Firstly' and 'Secondly': **(1)**

- [ ] A) Addition
- [ ] B) Contrast
- [ ] C) Cause and effect
- [ ] D) Sequence/time
- [ ] E) Illustration

(e) 'Many plants can survive without much water. Cacti, for example, store water in their thick stems.' Function of 'for example': **(1)**

- [ ] A) Addition
- [ ] B) Contrast
- [ ] C) Cause and effect
- [ ] D) Sequence/time
- [ ] E) Illustration

(f) 'The bridge was closed for repairs. Meanwhile, traffic was diverted through the village.' Function of 'Meanwhile': **(1)**

- [ ] A) Addition
- [ ] B) Contrast
- [ ] C) Cause and effect
- [ ] D) Sequence/time
- [ ] E) Illustration

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2 Sort the word bank below into the correct column of the table. Each connective belongs in ONE column only.

Word bank: moreover, whereas, therefore, for instance, in addition, nevertheless, as a result, such as

Addition	Contrast	Cause and effect	Illustration

(8)

3 Each sentence below uses a connective that does not match the relationship between its two ideas. Identify why the connective is wrong and rewrite the sentence with a more suitable one.

(a) 'The team lost every match this season. Moreover, they were promoted to the top division.' **(2)**

(b) 'The bridge was found to be unsafe. However, engineers closed it immediately.' **(2)**

(c) 'Plastic pollution is harming sea life around the world. On the other hand, many countries have introduced bans on single-use plastic bags.' **(2)**

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4 Write ONE original sentence pair for each connective below, using the connective accurately to link two clear ideas.

(a) Use 'Nevertheless' to link two ideas about a hobby, event or subject of your choice. **(2)**

(b) Use 'As a result' to show a clear cause and its effect. **(2)**

5 Join each pair of sentences into two sentences linked by the connective given, adding the correct punctuation.

(a) Connective: 'In contrast'. Sentences: 'The morning session was calm. The afternoon session was chaotic.' **(2)**

(b) Connective: 'Consequently'. Sentences: 'The council reduced funding for the youth club. Several activities had to be cancelled.' **(2)**

(c) Connective: 'For example'. Sentences: 'Many hobbies can improve concentration. Chess requires careful planning and patience.' **(2)**

6 Read this short extract: 'The weather forecast had promised heavy rain all weekend. Despite this, the charity fun run went ahead as planned, and hundreds of runners still turned up.' Explain the effect of the discourse marker 'Despite this' on the reader.

(2)

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7 Read this short extract: 'Some people think that revising alone is the only effective way to learn. In fact, research shows that discussing ideas with others can improve memory significantly.' Explain the effect of the discourse marker 'In fact' on the reader.

(2)

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8 The paragraph below reads as a list of disconnected facts. Rewrite it, adding TWO different discourse markers to link the ideas more clearly. You may add a small amount of extra wording, but do not change the order of the sentences.

'Year 8 students visited the science museum on Tuesday. They tested model rockets in the workshop. Everyone enjoyed the trip. Some students want to return next year.'

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Question 1

(a) A) Addition — B1

(a) Answer: **A**

(b) B) Contrast — B1

(b) Answer: **B**

(c) C) Cause and effect — B1

(c) Answer: **C**

(d) D) Sequence/time — B1

(d) Answer: **D**

(e) E) Illustration — B1

(e) Answer: **E**

(f) D) Sequence/time — B1

(f) Answer: **D**

Question 2

Addition: moreover — B1

Addition: in addition — B1

Contrast: whereas — B1

Contrast: nevertheless — B1

Cause and effect: therefore — B1

Cause and effect: as a result — B1

Illustration: for instance — B1

Illustration: such as — B1

Answer: **Addition: moreover, in addition | Contrast: whereas, nevertheless | Cause and effect: therefore, as a result | Illustration: for instance, such as**

Question 3

(a) identifies that 'Moreover' wrongly signals addition/support, when the outcome is actually an unexpected contrast — B1

(a) correct replacement given, e.g. 'However'/'Nevertheless', with the rest of the sentence unchanged and correctly punctuated, oe — B1

(a) Answer: **The team lost every match this season. However, they were promoted to the top division.**

(b) identifies that 'However' wrongly signals contrast, when the second sentence is actually the consequence of the first — B1

(b) correct replacement given, e.g. 'Therefore'/'Consequently'/'As a result', with the rest of the sentence unchanged and correctly punctuated, oe — B1

(b) Answer: **The bridge was found to be unsafe. Therefore, engineers closed it immediately.**

(c) identifies that 'On the other hand' wrongly signals contrast, when the second sentence is actually a response to the problem described — B1

(c) correct replacement given, e.g. 'As a result'/'Consequently', with the rest of the sentence unchanged and correctly punctuated, oe — B1

(c) Answer: **Plastic pollution is harming sea life around the world. As a result, many countries have introduced bans on single-use plastic bags.**

Question 4

(a) 'Nevertheless' used accurately at the start of the second idea, correctly signalling contrast/concession — B1

(a) sentence(s) grammatically complete and correctly punctuated (comma after 'Nevertheless'), cao — B1

(a) Answer: **Sample answer (indicative, not the only acceptable response): 'The hike was exhausting. Nevertheless, the view from the summit made every step worthwhile.'**

(b) 'As a result' used accurately at the start of the effect, correctly signalling cause and effect — B1

(b) sentence(s) grammatically complete and correctly punctuated (comma after 'As a result'), cao — B1

(b) Answer: **Sample answer (indicative, not the only acceptable response): 'The team practised every evening for a month. As a result, they won the regional tournament.'**

Question 5

(a) 'In contrast' placed at the start of the second sentence, oe — B1

(a) comma correctly placed after the connective, cao — B1

(a) Answer: **The morning session was calm. In contrast, the afternoon session was chaotic.**

(b) 'Consequently' placed at the start of the second sentence, oe — B1

(b) comma correctly placed after the connective, cao — B1

(b) Answer: **The council reduced funding for the youth club. Consequently, several activities had to be cancelled.**

(c) 'For example' placed at the start of the second sentence, oe — B1

(c) comma correctly placed after the connective, cao — B1

(c) Answer: **Many hobbies can improve concentration. For example, chess requires careful planning and patience.**

Question 6

identifies that 'Despite this' signals a contrast/concession between the poor forecast and what actually happened — B1

develops the effect, e.g. it emphasises the runners' determination and commitment, showing that bad weather could not stop the event (oe) — B1

Answer: **'Despite this' signals a contrast between the threatening forecast and what actually happened, showing that the event went ahead anyway; this emphasises the runners' determination and commitment, since not even the promise of heavy rain could put them off.**

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Question 7

identifies that 'In fact' signals emphasis, introducing evidence that challenges or goes beyond the previous claim	**B1**
develops the effect, e.g. it makes the writer's point feel more convincing or authoritative because it is backed up by research (oe)	**B1**

Answer: **'In fact' signals emphasis, introducing evidence that goes further than, and partly challenges, the common belief just mentioned; this makes the writer's point feel more convincing and authoritative, since it is backed up by research rather than opinion.**

Question 8

first discourse marker inserted with an appropriate function for its position (e.g. 'While there,' or 'For example,'), oe	**B1**
first insertion correctly punctuated (comma after the marker), cao	**B1**
second discourse marker inserted with a different, appropriate function (e.g. 'In fact,' or 'As a result,'), oe	**B1**
second insertion correctly punctuated and the original sentence order kept, cao	**B1**

Answer: **Year 8 students visited the science museum on Tuesday. While there, they tested model rockets in the workshop. Everyone enjoyed the trip; in fact, some students want to return next year.**

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