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GRAMMAR: CONNECTORS

Fill in the gaps with because, because of, despite or however.

1. I am worried about the whole decision _____ your advice on how we can work it all out.
2. I am really tired, _____, I need to get this done before I can call it a day.
3. _____ your arrogance, we are all now in trouble.
4. _____ being the best man for the job, I will not be selected.
5. The company will not be making redundancies _____ our current losses.
6. I can tell you the meaning of the word if you like. _____, it might be a good idea to look it up so that you know how to use it.
7. He lost a days wages _____ his lack of productivity.
8. _____ hard you think you are studying, you can always do it more effectively.
9. He will not pass the exam, _____, he might be allowed to continue on the course.
10. You are all in this situation _____ me and my decisions.

Answers:

1. I am worried about the whole decision **despite** your advice on how we can work it all out.
2. I am really tired, **however**, I need to get this done before I can call it a day.
3. **Because of** your arrogance, we are all now in trouble.
4. **Despite** being the best man for the job, I will not be selected.
5. The company will not be making redundancies **despite** our current losses.
6. I can tell you the meaning of the word if you like. **However**, it might be a good idea to look it up so that you know how to use it.
7. He lost a days wages **because of** his lack of productivity.
8. **However** hard you think you are studying, you can always do it more effectively.
9. He will not pass the exam, **however**, he might be allowed to continue on the course.
10. You are all in this situation **because of** me and my decisions.