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Choose the option that best completes the sentence.

1. **Although the vaccine performed well in laboratory trials, - ----.**
A) it produced a much weaker response in patients over seventy
B) researchers had spent nearly a decade developing the compound
C) the ministry approved it without requesting any further data
D) because the funding was withdrawn at a critical stage
E) the laboratory itself was located outside the capital
2. **Since the new irrigation network was completed, ----.**
A) the region had suffered from drought for almost a decade
B) although the soil remains too saline for most crops
C) yields in the valley have risen by almost a third
D) because the reservoir was nearly empty that summer
E) the engineers who designed it came from abroad
3. **The committee agreed to postpone its decision ---- the independent audit was complete.**
A) despite
B) in spite of
C) so that
D) until
E) as though
4. **---- the flood warning had been broadcast for three days, few residents were willing to leave.**
A) Even though
B) As soon as
C) In order that
D) Unless
E) Now that
5. **The manuscript matters not because of its age ----.**
A) and it was found in a private collection
B) so it is kept in a climate-controlled room
C) unless scholars can verify where it came from
D) although the ink has faded considerably
E) but because it holds the only surviving map of the city
6. **Had the engineers inspected the foundation in time, ----.**
A) the building collapses within a single year
B) the damage could have been prevented
C) they will have prevented the damage
D) the damage is prevented quite easily
E) they would prevent it right now
7. **The drug was withdrawn from the market ---- it had passed every required safety trial.**
A) so that
B) as long as
C) even though
D) in case
E) now that
8. **---- the storm intensified overnight, the harbour authorities closed the port to all traffic.**
A) In spite of
B) Whereas
C) Despite
D) As
E) Unless
9. **Researchers now argue that the decline in bee populations ----.**
A) has been attributing to pesticide use
B) is attributed pesticide use alone
C) attributes to pesticide use only
D) will attribute pesticide use widely
E) cannot be explained by pesticide use alone
10. **The proposal was rejected, ---- surprised nobody on the committee.**
A) which
B) that
C) what
D) whose
E) it