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Choose the option closest in meaning to the sentence given.

1. **Few countries have managed to reduce emissions without slowing economic growth.**
  - A) Most countries that reduced emissions saw their growth slow down.
  - B) No country has ever reduced emissions while its economy grew.
  - C) Economic growth always causes emissions to rise in the long run.
  - D) Countries that grow quickly cannot reduce emissions at all.
  - E) Cutting emissions is the only way to keep an economy growing.
2. **The results are promising, though they have yet to be replicated by an independent team.**
  - A) The results are promising because another team has confirmed them.
  - B) The results will become promising once another team repeats the study.
  - C) The results look promising, but no independent team has confirmed them yet.
  - D) An independent team found the results less promising than expected.
  - E) The results were set aside until another team could repeat them.
3. **Had the warning system been installed earlier, the casualties would have been far fewer.**
  - A) The warning system reduced the number of casualties considerably.
  - B) Casualties were high because nobody trusted the warning system.
  - C) The warning system will be installed to reduce future casualties.
  - D) Fewer casualties were reported once the warning system was in place.
  - E) Installing the warning system sooner would have saved many lives.
4. **Only when the subsidy was withdrawn did farmers begin to diversify their crops.**
  - A) Farmers diversified long before the subsidy was withdrawn.
  - B) Farmers started growing different crops only after losing the subsidy.
  - C) The subsidy was withdrawn because farmers refused to diversify.
  - D) Farmers received a subsidy for growing a wider range of crops.
  - E) Withdrawing the subsidy changed little about what farmers grew.
5. **The technique is far from perfect, but it remains the best option currently available.**
  - A) The technique is perfect and no better option exists anywhere.
  - B) A better technique exists but it is not yet available.
  - C) The technique will improve as soon as a better option appears.
  - D) The technique has clear flaws, yet nothing better exists at present.
  - E) There is little reason to use a technique that is not perfect.
6. **Unless the tax is reformed, the gap between the richest and poorest regions will widen.**
  - A) The gap will keep growing if the tax is left as it is.
  - B) Reforming the tax has already narrowed the gap between regions.
  - C) The tax was reformed because the gap had grown too wide.
  - D) The gap will narrow whether or not the tax is reformed.
  - E) Only a wider gap would justify reforming the tax.
7. **Scarcely had the ceasefire been announced when fighting resumed in the north.**
  - A) The ceasefire held for several weeks before fighting resumed.
  - B) Fighting in the north delayed the announcement of the ceasefire.
  - C) Fighting broke out again almost immediately after the ceasefire was announced.
  - D) The ceasefire was announced in order to stop the fighting in the north.
  - E) No fighting at all was reported in the north after the ceasefire.
8. **The museum's collection is impressive, if somewhat narrow in scope.**
  - A) The collection is neither impressive nor especially broad.
  - B) The collection would be impressive if it were broader.
  - C) The museum is planning to widen its rather narrow collection.
  - D) The collection is broad but not particularly impressive.
  - E) The collection is impressive, although its range is limited.
9. **Not all of the data supports the author's conclusion.**
  - A) None of the data supports the author's conclusion.
  - B) Some of the data does not support the author's conclusion.
  - C) The author reached a conclusion without collecting any data.
  - D) All of the data contradicts what the author concluded.
  - E) The data supports a conclusion the author never stated.
10. **The report stops short of blaming the ministry for the delay.**
  - A) The report blames the ministry directly for the delay.
  - B) The report clears the ministry of any responsibility at all.
  - C) The ministry stopped the report from mentioning the delay.
  - D) The report does not go so far as to hold the ministry responsible.
  - E) The delay was caused by the report rather than by the ministry.