Transitions Quiz Key

Transitions help clarify the relationships between ideas. Your choice of transitional words and phrases depends on whether you are contradicting a previous idea, leading to a result, making a deduction, or adding an idea. Notice the punctuation used with transitions.

Insert the best transition in the following sentences.

1. Polls show that the President is the most popular the US has had this century. _______, some members of even his own party are dissatisfied with his performance.
   
   In particular However For instance

2. There are some minor errors in your research paper, but __________________________, it is informative and well written.
   
   consequently as a result overall

3. Two of the best schools in the East, Princeton and Dartmouth, have excellent MBA programs. ___________ Princeton and Dartmouth, have excellent MBA programs.
   
   similarly in particular therefore

4. The airline announced that flight attendants' schedules would increase by ten hours next year. ___________, many employees are planning to strike.
   
   Likewise As a result Nevertheless

5. The air quality in Atlanta is expected to improve slowly over the next few years. ___________, there seems to be no solution to the pollution problem in Los Angeles.
   
   On the other hand Consequently Furthermore

6. Sales of fur coats have experienced a steady decline over the past few years. ____________, sales of fleece coats have risen substantially.
   
   Correspondingly In general In contrast

7. The CEO explained that because of a weak economy and bad debts, it would be necessary to freeze salaries of employees. ________________, no one will get a pay raise.
   
   Similarly For example In other words

9. Yolanda did not submit her paper by the deadline; ________________________, she did not receive full credit.
   
   therefore although similarly

10. Research has shown that honest communication improves doctor-patient relationships. ________________, improvements in nurses' training will benefit health care.
    
    In addition As a result Even though