Transitions Quiz

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.

Directions: 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.  
   __________________________,  
   
   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 

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

9. 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