

Prepositions

Part A

Fill in the blanks with the prepositions in the box.

in order to despite due to as a result of so as to

1. I avoid eating seafood _____ my allergy to it.
2. He bought the expensive ring for his fiancée _____ the fact that he is poor.
3. _____ search for the treasure, the main characters of the film started an unforgettable journey.
4. Pauline donated half of her pocket money _____ help the poor people.
5. _____ the marvellous performance of the team, they became the champion of the competition.

Part B

Put the words in correct order and complete each sentence with one of the following phrases: *because of*, *as a result of*, *in order to*, *so as to*, *in spite of*.

1. in Hong Kong / many international companies / get into the China market / set up their branches / .

2. , / the tight budget / organised / a successful fun fair / . / the Student Union

3. the school picnic / the stormy weather / has been postponed / .

4. the baby's room / prepare for the arrival of the baby / . / has decorated / the father

5. her leadership / the president of / is elected as / Joy / the Student Union / .

Part C

Cora and Mike are talking about their plan for the holiday. Complete the conversation with the prepositions given in the box. The prepositions can be used more than once.

in order to in order not to because of so as to
despite due to in spite of

Cora : What's your plan for the holiday?

Mike : Not much. **1.** Despite / In spite of having a long holiday, we have so much homework to do.

Cora : I must finish all the homework before the holiday **2.** _____ the huge amount.

Mike : What's the rush?

Cora : **3.** _____ improve my English, I'll join a study tour in London for two weeks.

Mike : It sounds great! Promise me you'll buy me a souvenir **4.** _____ the high exchange rate of pounds.

Cora : No problem! **5.** _____ forget about your souvenir, let me write it down in my notebook. Yet, my budget is rather tight.

Mike : Oh, then I just want a postcard from you **6.** _____ your tight budget.

Cora : You're so kind, Mike. I'll write you a postcard **7.** _____ keep my promise. By the way, I have a lot to shop for the trip.

Mike : You must keep your words! **8.** _____ the fact that I'm really busy with my homework, I can go shopping with you.

Cora : Are you sure? You're more than welcomed!

Mike : What are you going to buy?

Cora : **9.** _____ the cold weather, I need to buy some warmer clothes, a thicker jacket, an electrical water-boiler and a larger suitcase. Let's go now, shall we?

Mike : That's a lot! It's already 6 pm and I've got to go now **10.** _____ be on time for dinner at home. I'm sorry that I can't shop with you today.