Quiz topic: Reason and result

1. I left the party early ___________ I was feeling a bit tired.
   a) because  
   b) as  
   c) since  
   d) all of the answers above

2. Liz and Hugh went to live in Spain ___________ the bad weather in England.
   a) so  
   b) because  
   c) because of  
   d) all of the answers above

3. Our car broke down last week _________ we came by train.
   a) so  
   b) because  
   c) because of  
   d) all of the answers above

4. I sold my car ___________ the high cost of petrol, tax, insurance and so on. It was costing me a small fortune!
   a) so  
   b) because  
   c) because of  
   d) all of the answers above

5. Increased global temperatures are ___________ factory emissions, increased car usage, many more people flying than ever before and so on. The situation may now be irreversible.
   a) due to  
   b) caused by  
   c) the result of  
   d) all of the above answers

6. Which of the following answers fits best into this informal conversation?
   “Anyway, John was boring, we never went anywhere, ________ I’m going out with Steve now; we have much more fun.”
   a) so  
   b) as a result  
   c) consequently  
   d) therefore
Answers
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1. I left the party early ___________ I was feeling a bit tired.

a) because 
b) as 
c) since 
d) all of the answers above

a) You can use because, since or as – but note that when we use as or since, the reason (feeling tired) is often already known to the person listening.
b) You can use because, since or as – but note that when we use as or since, the reason (feeling tired) is often already known to the person listening.
c) You can use because, since or as – but note that when we use as or since, the reason (feeling tired) is often already known to the person listening.
d) You can use because, since or as – but note that when we use as or since, the reason (feeling tired) is often known to the person listening.

2. Liz and Hugh went to live in Spain ___________ the bad weather in England.

a) so 
b) because 
c) because of 
d) all of the answers above

a) Use so to express a result of something, e.g. 'John didn’t want to go so I went instead'.
b) Use because with a subject and a verb, e.g. 'They went to live in Spain because it was always raining in England'.
c) We use because of + noun and because + subject and verb e.g. 'They went to live in Spain because it was always raining in England'.
d) Two of the answers express reason and one answer expresses result.

3. Our car broke down last week ___________ we came by train.

a) so 
b) because 
c) because of 
d) all of the answers above

a) Use so to express a result of something, e.g. 'John didn’t want to go so I went instead'.
b) Use because to express a reason, e.g. 'We decided to take the train because our car broke down last week'.
c) Use because of + noun to express a reason, e.g. 'We decided to take the train because of the heavy traffic at that time of day'.
d) Two of the answers express reason and one answer expresses result.
4. I sold my car ___________ the high cost of petrol, tax, insurance and so on – It was costing me a small fortune!

a) so  
b) because  
c) because of  
d) all of the answers above

a) Use so to express a result of something, e.g. 'She didn't love him so she packed her bags and left in the night'.

b) Use because with a subject and a verb, e.g. 'I sold my car because it was costing too much'.

c) Well done! Use because of + noun to express a reason.

d) Two of the answers express reason and one answer expresses result.

5. Increased global temperatures are ___________ factory emissions, increased car usage, many more people flying than ever before and so on – the situation may now be irreversible.

a) due to  
b) caused by  
c) the result of  
d) all of the above answers

a) This is a formal way of expressing the reason for something; you could use it in an essay – but all the other answers are also possible.

b) This is a formal way of expressing the reason for something; you could use it in an essay – but all the other answers are also possible.

c) This is a formal way of expressing the reason for something; you could use it in an essay – but all the other answers are also possible.

d) All these answers are a formal way of expressing the reason for something; you could use them in an essay.

6. Which of the following answers fits best into this informal conversation? "Anyway, John was boring, we never went anywhere, __________ I’m going out with Steve now, we have much more fun”

a) so  
b) as a result  
c) consequently  
d) therefore

a) So is used in both informal and formal conversations.

b) As a result is used in formal situations, e.g. in a meeting or if you are writing an essay.

c) Consequently is used in formal situations, e.g. in a meeting or if you are writing an essay.

d) Therefore is used in formal situations, e.g. in a meeting or if you are writing an essay.

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