

Mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ thời gian

EXERCISES

I. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions.

1. We need to preserve food for the time ____ food shortages happen.
2. Rates of obesity increase ____ too much junk food is eaten.
3. He had just drifted off to sleep ____ the phone rang.
4. She went on crying, with her head sunk into a pillow, and cried ____ and cried the pillow was wet through.
5. ____ many international students are studying in the us, a very small percentage of American students are doing their study at foreign countries.
6. ____ he had been appointed to the position, he had several suggestions to enhance sale promotion.
7. The Nobel prize winning candidates will be staying in Sweden ____ the presentation is over.
8. Men have been interested in the stars even ____ they first looked up into the sky.
9. Light from the sun has been traveling for about 91,402,000 miles ____ it finally reaches us.
10. ____ I had got the worst scores in the last exam, I was careful not to make the same mistake again.
11. ____ you start any business, it is a good idea to write a detail plan.
12. ____ the sun sets, the shadows lengthen.
13. Kelman had a book published in the us more than a decade ____ a British publisher would touch him.
14. ____ I met the Gills, I had been gardening for nearly ten years.
15. ____ World War II happened, women were not recruited as intelligence officers
16. Racing was canceled for an hour ____ the track was being repaired.
17. Josef Stalin had been ruling the Soviet Union for 25 years ____ he died in 1953.
18. Stir the mixture with a spoon ____ the sugar has dissolved.
19. Never apply water to a burn from an electric shock ____ the casualty is still in contact with the electric current.
20. The two ministers have never had a talk, but may do so ____ they will be meeting in New York next week.

II. Supply the correct verb forms.

1. Before Johnson & Smith 1 ____ (reach) great heights in the business world, they 2 ____ (encounter) many great difficulties in promoting their theories and methods.
2. The Earth's climate always 1 ____ (change), long before human beings 2.

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- (evolve)! There 3. ____ (be) warmer and colder periods. For example, in the last ice age, 20,000 years ago, it 4 ____ (be) about 9°C colder than it 5. ____ (be) now.
3. After the Boston revolution 1 (break) up in September 1774, the colonies 2 ____ (begin) to separate from the mother country. A Continental Congress 3 ____ (organize) at Philadelphia in May 1775 to establish an independent government. One of the first questions before the delegates 4 ____ (be) how to convey and deliver the mail.
4. Last summer, after I 1. ____ (spend) a difficult semester, I 2. ____ (be) eager to return home. The flight 3. ____ (take) me about ten hours and I 4. ____ (arrive) at the airport at midnight so I 5. ____ (be) very tired and sleepy. While I 6. ____ (wait) for my mother, suddenly a woman who 7. ____ (look) like her 8. ____ (come) towards me. I 9. ____ (embrace) and 10. ____ (kiss) her, but to my surprise, she 11. ____ (not/be) my mother. I 12. ____ (lose) my contact lenses when I 13. ____ (be) on the plane.
5. Since movies 1 ____ (appear) in about 1915, they 2 ____ (be) short and programmes 3 ____ (be) simple. After W. Griffith and others 4 ____ (begin) to make longer films with more interesting scenes, more and more people 5 ____ (become) interested in movies. After World War 16 ____ (end), many theaters 7 ____ (have) to be closed.
6. In the present globalized world, we 1. ____ (live) in the era of advanced technology. Every part of our daily life 2 ____ (be) related to technology in one or other way. When we 3 ____ (compare) today with the old days, we 4. ____ (get) better facilities and even better luxuries with the help of increased technology.
7. It 1. ____ (be) over two years now, but I still 2. ____ (remember) every detail of that day. It 3. ____ (be) a beautiful warm sunny clear sky day. I 4. ____ (not/know) what would await me that morning. After I 5. ____ (get) off my car, I 6. ____ (find) that the building 7. ____ (be) being evacuated and no one could tell me the reason. I could not find anyone that I 8. ____ (work) with. There were hundreds of people just gathering around. No one 9. ____ (know) exactly what 10. ____ (happen). Then someone 11. ____ (say) that there 12. ____ (be) a timing bomb in the building and the police 13 (try) to dispose it.
8. When Cristina Sanchez 1 ____ (be) a little girl, she 2 ____ (love) to watch her father fight bulls. She 3 ____ (know) that bullfighting 4 ____ (be) a dangerous profession and that there were no women bullfighters in Spain. However, she still 5 ____ (want) to become a matador, to follow in her father's footsteps. At the age of twelve, Cristina 6 ____ (start) practicing with bulls. Her father was totally opposed to her future plans. "It's impossible. Women do not become bullfighters," he said, but Cristina 7 ____ (insist), "I don't want the

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- role of a traditional woman.” Finally, her father 8(change) his mind and 9 _____ (become) her trainer. Everything 10. _____ (not/be) not easy for her. She ever 11. _____ (hurt) by the bulls many times. Now Cristina 12 _____ (be) a star in her country. As the first female matador, she is very famous. However, up to now not all people 13 _____ (approve) of her work. Some male matadors 14 _____ (refuse) to share the bullring with her, and she often 15. _____ (hear) insults from the audience. She said, “When I hear insults from the crowd, I even try harder. I want to get more recognition.”
9. In the 1840s, the island of Ireland 1 _____ (suffer) a famine. Because Ireland could not produce enough food to feed its population, about one million people _____ (die) of starvation. They simply 3 _____ (not/have) enough food to stay alive. The famine 4 _____ (cause) 1.25 million people to emigrate; many 5. _____ (leave) their island home for the United States, and the rest 6. _____ (go) to Canada, Australia, Chile, and other countries. Before the famine 7. _____ (break) out, the population of Ireland 8. _____ (be) approximately 6 million. After the great food shortage 9 _____ (happen), it was about 4 million. Famine 10 _____ (not/be) strange in human history. A famine usually 11. (be) more than one cause. Disease, drought - long periods of time without raining, flood - a time when fields are covered with water, violent storms, war, and other human activities 12 (be) causes of famine.
10. Albert Einstein 1 _____ (write) that “if the bee 2 _____ (disappear) off the surface of the globe, then man would have only four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.” And the honey bee 3 _____ (disappear). Why? We do not know why. All around the world bees are disappearing and bees pollinate our plants. We 4 _____ (cut) down forests and plundering the oceans. We 5 _____ (pollute) the soil, the air and the water and rapidly running out of fresh water to drink. Water is now being sold for more than the equivalent amount of gasoline.