Fill in the blanks with an appropriate conjunction or preposition.

# 1. She couldn't qualify for the race having trained very hard.

in spite of however although

#### 2. He couldn't pass the exam ...... he worked very hard.

in spite of although despite

#### 3. She sat ..... me across the table.

Please select 2 correct answers

facing in front of opposite

4. ..... did he start going out with

#### her than she fell in love with another guy.

As soon as No sooner Hardly

# 5. I was hardly inside the house ..... the lights went out.

Please select 2 correct answers

when before than

# 6. ..... had I closed my eyes when the dog started barking.

Please select 2 correct answers

No sooner As soon as Scarcely Hardly

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### 7. She has been a go-getter ..... her childhood.

since from Either could be used here

# 8. The shop was open ..... the morning.

since from Either could be used here

### 9. We had to cancel the picnic bad weather.

due to owing to because of All of the above

### 10. He doesn't care ..... his appearance.

of

for about

### 11. She is ..... the Harvard School of Business.

in at on

#### 12. I won't be leaving ..... Friday.

until before Either could be used here

#### Answers

- 1. She couldn't qualify for the race in spite of having trained very hard.
- 2. He couldn't pass the exam although he worked very hard.
- 3. She sat facing / opposite me across the table.
- 4. No sooner did he start going out with her than she fell in love with another guy.
- 5. I was hardly inside the house when / before the lights went out.
- 6. Scarcely / hardly had I closed my eyes when the dog started barking.
- 7. She has been a go-getter since / from her childhood.
- 8. The shop was open from the morning.

- 9. We had to cancel the picnic due to / owing to / because of bad weather.
- 10. He doesn't care about his appearance.
- 11. She is at the Harvard School of Business.
- 12. I won't be leaving until / before Friday.