Because and because of

Because is a conjunction. Because of is a preposition. As a conjunction, because is followed by a clause. Because of is followed by a noun/pronoun.

Fill in the blanks with because or because of.

1. We cancelled the trip ..................... the rain.
   because
   because of

2. He sat down ...................... he was feeling dizzy.
   because
   because of

3. It is ....................... your mother that we got into this mess.
   because
   because of

4. We hurried indoors .................... it was raining.
   because
   because of
5. I was late ..................... the traffic.

6. We could not reach on time ..................... the traffic was terrible.

7. The exam was easy ..................... he knew all the answers.

8. He can’t walk ..................... his illness.

9. He lost his job ..................... the recession.
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10. ..................... the language problem, I couldn’t win the argument.

Answers

1. We cancelled the trip because of the rain.

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3. It is because of your mother that we got into this mess.

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7. The exam was easy because he knew all the answers.

8. He can’t walk because of his illness.

9. He lost his job because of the recession.
10. Because of the language problem, I couldn’t win the argument.