Discourse markers exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate discourse marker.

1. ..................... nurses are overworked and underpaid.
   In particular
   Broadly speaking
   Especially
   Except for

2. I don’t believe in ghosts. ..................... I haven’t seen one yet.
   I think
   At least
   In particular
   In other words

3. I think he should be acquitted. ..................... he is too young to know the difference between right and wrong.
   After all
   At least
   Well
   Honestly
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4. The man was sleeping soundly on the river bank. ..................... a crocodile was creeping closer.

Despite this
Meanwhile
As a result
By contrast

5. The child didn’t get any medical attention. ————__, she died soon after.

Despite this
As a result
In this case
In spite of that

6. He has been warned before. ........................., he shouldn’t have repeated this.

In this case
In spite of this
Instead
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Answers

1. Broadly speaking nurses are overworked and underpaid.

2. I don’t believe in ghosts. At least I haven’t seen one yet.

3. I think he should be acquitted. After all he is too young to know the difference between right and wrong.

4. The man was sleeping soundly on the river bank. Meanwhile a crocodile was creeping closer.

5. The child didn’t get any medical attention. As a result, she died soon after.

6. He has been warned before. In this case, he shouldn’t have repeated this.