Gap Filling Exercise

Fill in the blanks

1. ………………….. the footsteps, the thief ran away.

   Hearing

   Having heard

   Heard

2. The poor man ……………………. very hungry ate the food greedily.

   been

   being

   having

3. ……………………….. his muscle power, he was defeated by his opponent.
In spite of

However

Though

4. ……………………. a cripple, he cannot walk.

Being

Been

Having

5. …………………………. himself in deep debt, he decided to sell his home.

Finding

Found

Being
6. In the event of such a thing ................................., I will quit.

happening

happens

happened

7. He intends to make another attempt .............................. his repeated failures.

Please select 2 correct answers

despite

notwithstanding

nonetheless

8. ................................................ my best efforts, I could not succeed.
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In spite of

Despite

Either could be used here

9. .......................... pity for the mouse, the magician turned it into a cat.

Feeling

Felt

Being

10. .......................... dissatisfied, he resigned his job.

Having

Being
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11. ................. the message, he departed.

Delivering

Being delivering

Having delivered

Answers

Hearing the footsteps, the thief ran away.
The poor man being very hungry ate the food greedily.
In spite of his muscle power, he was defeated by his opponent.
Being a cripple, he cannot walk.
Finding himself in deep debt, he decided to sell his home.
In the event of such a thing happening, I will quit.
He intends to make another attempt despite / notwithstanding his repeated failures.
In spite of / Despite my best efforts, I could not succeed.
Feeling pity for the mouse, the magician turned it into a cat.
Being dissatisfied, he resigned his job.
Having delivered the message, he departed.