Prepositions Or Conjunctions Exercise

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
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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
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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.
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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.