Subordinating Conjunctions Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate subordinating conjunction.

1. ………………………… the rain was over, the sun started shining again.
   While
   After
   Before

2. ………………………… it is a best selling book, it does not have much substance.
   As
   Because
   Although

3. ………………………… he was not there, I left a message with his sister.
4. He ran away ………………………………… he was afraid of getting caught.

because

so

if

5. You will get the job ………………………………… you deserve it.

if

unless
6. Walk carefully ___________________________ you should fall.

7. ___________________________ you say so, I must believe it.
8. He was the first to arrive .............................. he started late.

because

though

despite

9. He will not obey ................................. he is threatened.

Please select 2 correct answers

if

unless

even if

10. ................................. I was a child, I wanted to become a pilot.
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11. I don’t know .................................. he left us.

   why

   what

   if

12. I don’t understand ................................. it happened.

   how

   if

   that
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Answers

After the rain was over, the sun started shining again.
Although it is a best selling book, it does not have much substance.
As he was not there, I left a message with his sister.
He ran away because he was afraid of getting caught.
You will get the job if you deserve it.
Walk carefully lest you should fall.
As you say so, I must believe it.
He was the first to arrive although / though he started late.
He will not obey unless / even if he is threatened.
When I was a child, I wanted to become a pilot.
I don’t know why he left us.
I don’t understand how it happened.