Assessment – Concise Cogent Communication

See if you can find the correct answer on this wordiness question

1. People were unprepared for the sinking of the Titanic simply because of believing that the ship was unsinkable.

a) of believing that the ship was unsinkable

b) of having a belief in the ship as unsinkable

c) they believed that the ship was unsinkable

d) they believed in the unsinkable nature of the ship

e) of a belief on their part of an unsinkable ship

Answer: C

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2. Many ancient Eastern rulers favoured drinking vessels made of celadon porcelain because of supposedly revealing the presence of poison by cracking.

a) because of supposedly revealing the presence of poison

b) for being supposed that it would reveal the presence of poison

c) because of being supposed to reveal poison in it

d) for it was supposed to reveal that there is poison

e) because it was supposed to reveal the presence of poison

Answer: E

Fill in the blanks with the correct transitional word or phrase.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_they tried hard, the students could not complete the project in time as they were lacking in skills and knowledge.

A) Although

B) As

C) Since

D) Despite

E) However

Answer: A

4. He should not have used office property\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he ought not to have been in the building at all outside office hours.

A) in addition to

B) owing to

C) so that

D) furthermore

E) so as to

Answer: D

5. She feels like giving up her job\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the consequences she will face.

A) although

B) much as

C) as a result

D) regardless of

E) since

Answer: D

Answer key