

Sentence Construction - linking words and phrases

1. Your thesis is good. In fact, it's very good _____.
2. Your thesis is promising. _____, it does not quite reach the standard required.
3. Your thesis is well-written and authoritative, _____ your conclusions are somewhat questionable.
4. _____ your questionable conclusions, we are prepared to award you your doctorate.
5. Your thesis is rather loosely-argued. _____, it is too short. _____, we are unable to award you your doctorate.
6. Your thesis needs more concrete examples, _____ it is unlikely to be accepted.
7. _____ your revised version is much better, it still does not meet the required standard.
8. _____ the high quality of your reasoning, we are prepared to award you your doctorate.
9. Your thesis now meets the required standards, _____ we are prepared to award you your doctorate.
10. Your thesis now meets the required standards. _____, we are prepared to award you your doctorate.
11. Your range of vocabulary is impressive. Your syntax, _____, is often confusing.
12. You wrote about Plato but you should have ignored him and written about Socrates _____.
13. The line of reasoning in your thesis is suspect. We are unable, _____, to award you a pass.
14. The line of reasoning in your thesis is suspect. _____, we are unable to award you a pass.
15. Your thesis isn't very good. _____, it is extremely disappointing.
16. Your thesis is too long. _____, we are prepared to give you a pass.
17. _____ most of the other papers, yours showed true originality.
18. _____ this is an interesting topic, it is not one that you needed to cover in your thesis.
19. _____ your grammar mistakes, your punctuation is often poor.
20. Your thesis is off-subject. _____, it is poorly written.
21. _____ its length, your thesis doesn't cover all the key points.
22. _____ your failure to quote your sources we are unable to evaluate your thesis.
23. Your thesis is very good. As _____, it is one of the best submitted in this academic year.
24. Your thesis is excellent. It is _____ thoroughly researched _____ well written.
25. Your thesis is very poor. It is _____ thoroughly researched _____ well written.
26. You should have kept to the point _____ wandering off to discuss Wittgenstein's home life.