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I. Causal Relationships 1 (Lv.4 or above)

Reason

1. In the sense that + [SVO]

Meaning: 在某種意義上說 (Similar to “because”)

Usage: (Conclusion – SVO Sentence) + **in the sense that** + (Reason – SVO Sentence)

(Conclusion)

(Reason)

- *Innovation can be viewed as a public good, **in the sense that** once the new technology has been developed, the knowledge is shared with other companies.*

Example Sentences:

- It is concluded that the review had been useful **in the sense that** extensive discussions were held on all areas of its work and functioning.

2. Granted that + [SVO]

Meaning: 因為 (Similar to “because” or “given that”)

Usage: **Granted that** + (Reason – SVO Sentence), (Result – SVO Sentence).

(Reason)

(Result)

- **Granted that** *it is a simple test to perform, it should be easy to get results quickly.*

Example Sentences:

- **Granted that** young people in Hong Kong are facing a lot of mental stress, some of them choose to escape from work.

II. Causal Relationships 2 (Lv.5* or above)

Reason

12. In (the) light of

Meaning: 鑒於 (Similar to “because of” or “as a result of”)

Usage: In (the) light of + (Reason – Noun Phrase), (Result – SVO Sentence).

(Reason)

(Result)

- In light of the economic downturn towards the end of the year, there has been a significant drop in number of tourists visiting Hong Kong.

Example:

- In the light of recent incidents, we are asking our customers to take particular care of their personal belongings.

13. On the grounds that

Meaning: 基於 (Similar to “because of” or “for the result that”)

Usage: (Result – SVO Sentence) + on the grounds that + (Reason – SVO Sentence).

(Result)

(Reason)

- Many critics have objected to the proposal on the grounds that it would be too costly.

Example:

- He was given a one-year prison sentence suspended on the grounds that he posed no further danger to society.

III. Compare & Contrast

注：在以下句構用法教學中，“A” 與 “B” (正反/古今)相反

29. In contrast to

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30. On the contrary

31. Comparatively speaking

Meaning: 相反地	
Usage: (SVO: <u>"A"</u> as subject). [Phrase,] + (SVO: <u>"B"</u> as subject).	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">"A" as subject</div>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A fair legal system</u> act as a deterrent for would-be criminals and therefore help maintains public order. Comparatively speaking, in a city <u>without a fair legal system,</u> those with power can get away with their crime. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; float: right;">"B" as subject</div> 	
Example:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts predicted the economy would collapse. On the contrary, it continues to do extremely well. 	

43. It is hard to dissent that + [SVO] / It is blatantly obvious that + [SVO]

44. It goes without saying that + [SVO] / There is no denying that + [SVO]

45. It is beyond dispute that + [SVO]

Meaning: 毋庸置疑

Usage:

Example:

- **It is hard to dissent that** big business should not be only about making money, but also about caring for our society.
- **It is blatantly obvious that** both parties are in dire need of help.
- **It goes without saying that** parents have the responsibility to prevent their children from going astray.
- **It is beyond dispute that** cultural pluralism (文化多元性) helps train well-rounded people.
- **There is no denying that** having an elderly person at home is like possessing a treasure.

58. [SVO], ranging from A and B to C / ranging from A to B and C to D

Knowledge and innovation are what we need in the 21st century.

The variety of ball games is limited. Moreover, girls are often passive during PE lessons.

(on top of)

Working overtime would wreak havoc on our health. It would affect workers' relationships with their families too. (What comes next is that)

development and literacy to science.

Exercise – rewrite the following sentences using advanced sentence patterns

1. Knowledge and innovation are what we need in the 21st century. (A, combined with B)

2. The variety of ball games is limited. Moreover, girls are often passive during PE lessons.

(on top of)

3. Working overtime would wreak havoc on our health. It would affect workers' relationships with their families too. (What comes next is that)

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VI. Giving examples

59. A very compelling evidence is that + [SVO]

60. An irrefutable/indisputable evidence is that + [SVO]

Meaning	
Usage	
Example	

61. A striking example is that + [SVO]

62. An illustration of the point is that + [SVO]

Meaning: 一個(明顯)的例子是
Usage: Can be used when giving both specific or general examples, including specific incidents and examples that are universally acknowledged.
<p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is my opinion that the use of textbooks should not be abolished. <u>A striking example is that</u> the subject energy technology and the environment have a lot of factual information, data and graphs, which would take a lot of time for teachers to self-make teaching resources. Nowadays, a lot of children fail to be independent from adult care. <u>An illustration of the point is that</u> a large number of children were unable to fix their shoelaces on their own.

VII. Giving statistics/quotations

69. A research study indicates that

Meaning: 一項研究表明
Usage: <input type="checkbox"/> Usually used to give statistics, theories or research studies
Example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When one is addicted to video games, one will lock himself into the cyber-world. <u>A research study indicates that</u> 2 out of 5 children in Hong Kong spend more than 4 hours on electronic devices every day. <u>A research study indicates that</u> sleep deprivation would affect one's cognitive performance.

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Exa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • It is well said that prevention is better than cure

VIII. Suggestions

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73. XXX should draw up measures to

Meaning: XXX 應該制定措施去...**Example:**

- The government **should draw up measures to** reach out to the NEETs by providing them with vocational trainings and job opportunities.

74. By doing these simple things, we surely can

Meaning: 通過做這些簡單的事情，我們一定可以**Example:**

- We shall visit the elderly home and chitchat with the elderly people. **By doing these simple things, we surely can** enlighten the senior who suffer from boredom.

Exercise: use a cleft sentence to rewrite the following statements

1. Driving a vintage car makes you stand out in a crowd (what-clause)

2. The beautiful blue colour convinced me to buy the Cadillac (it-clause)

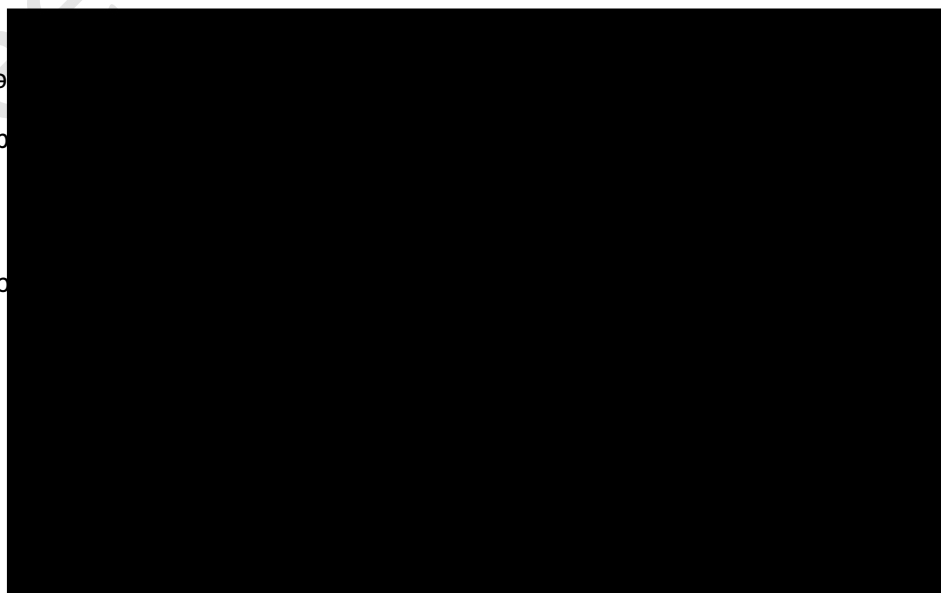
3. I have to call on Monday to schedule an appointment (the reason why)

4. I enjoyed the brilliant music most of all in the Ballet Frankfurt performance. (what-clause)

5. Studying something taxing stretched his mind to its full potential (it-clause)

6. The installation of apps invades privacy and sets a bad example for children (it-clause)

7. Many physical stores close down because of the rise of e-commerce (the reason why)



87. Not only..., but also...

Meaning: 不僅...而且...

Example:

- **Not only** (*adverbial*) can (*auxiliary*) the inter-class debating competition (*subject*) facilitate logical thinking of students, **but** it can also encourage them to practice oral English.
(= The inter-class debating competition can not only facilitate logical thinking of students, but it can also encourage them to practice oral English.)
- **Not only** (*adverbial*) does (*auxiliary*) Susan (*subject*) like reading, **but** she also likes writing short stories.
(= Susan not only likes reading, but she also likes writing short stories.)

88. Hardly/Scarcely

Meaning:

Example:

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XIII. Adjective patterns

Usage:

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93. So + adj. + be + subject + that

Example:

- **So** precious **is** water **that** we should never use water excessively.
(= Water is so precious that we should never use water excessively.)
- **So** acute **is** the threat of pollution generated by technology **that** all living things may be affected.
(= The threat of pollution generated by technology is so acute that all living things may be affected.)

94. It + be + adj. + that

Example:

- **It** is *incredible* **that** the athlete has broken the record.
- **It** is *evident* **that** social media can be a breeding ground for extremism due to its polarized nature.