III.WRITING

A. Fill in the blanks with a phrase/word from the box. There are more phrases/words than you need. Use each phrase/word only ONCE. Capitalize when necessary.

| however | but | so that | although | if | because | in addition |

Many research studies have shown that learning, performance, and achievement levels in distance education classes are mostly the same as those in traditional classes. (1) _______________, satisfaction levels of students of distance education are really different from those observed in traditional classes. Research has shown that the grades of students are higher in distance education courses than those in traditional courses, (2) _______________ distance learning students are not totally happy with their courses or programs. When the reasons for this unhappiness were studied, it was found that factors such as accessibility to materials and time management directly and negatively influence students' perceptions of distance learning. (3) _______________, the lack of interaction with other students and instructors has an important role in the students' negative opinions. Thus, (4) _______________ a distance learning course or program can offer satisfactory solutions to these problems, students can be happy with their programs and succeed in them. Otherwise, (5) _______________ the university where they pursue the distance learning program is a very good one, the course or the program will not be beneficial for students at all.

B. Write a paragraph of 180-220 words about the reasons why some people MAY prefer to take distance education courses/programs. You may use the notes you have taken in the LISTENING SECTION.

In your paragraph, make sure:

- you write a topic sentence, major and minor supporting sentences, and a conclusion,
- all your ideas are relevant to the topic,
- you use appropriate connectors.

Pay attention to:

- the content,
- the organization,
- the accuracy of the language.
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A.

1. However
2. but
3. In addition
4. if
5. although

B.

- flexible
  - you have time to do other things while studying
  - you can work at a job to earn money and study at the same time

- helps students save time, energy and money
  - no need to spend time and energy in commuting to school from home
  - no need to spend money on transportation
  - no need to move to another city or country

- convenient
  - easy and appropriate for everyone
  - study any time, anywhere