Phrases and clauses worksheet for class 7

A phrase is a group of words that makes some sense but not complete sense. A phrase does not have a subject or verb.

A clause is a group of words that makes complete sense. A clause must have a subject and a verb.

In the following sentences, state whether the underlined part is a phrase or a clause.

1. In spite of the heavy rains, we reached on time.
2. She passed her test because of her teacher.
3. She failed her exams because she had a bad teacher.
4. Though she performed well in the interview, she didn’t get the job.
5. In spite of his good grades, he couldn’t secure admission in a good college.
6. Driven by the storm, we took shelter under a bridge.
7. Having delivered the message, he departed.
8. Not knowing what to do, she stood there motionless.
9. Now that he is married, he has become more responsible.
10. Despite her protests, they took the child away.

Answers

1. In spite of the heavy rains, we reached on time. (in spite of the heavy rains – phrase)
2. She passed her test because of her teacher. (because of her teacher – phrase)
3. She failed her exams because she had a bad teacher. (because she had a bad teacher – clause)
4. Though she performed well in the interview, she didn’t get the job. (Though she performed well in the interview – clause)
5. In spite of his good grades, he couldn’t secure admission in a good college. (in spite of his good grades – phrase)
6. Driven by the storm, we took shelter under a bridge. (driven by the storm – phrase)
7. Having delivered the message, he departed. (having delivered the message – phrase)
8. Not knowing what to do, she stood there motionless. (not knowing what to do – phrase)
9. Now that he is married, he has become more responsible. (now that he is married – clause)
10. Despite her protests, they took the child away. (Despite her protests – phrase)