1. 無論..., 都 VP 
   "No matter..., (X) VP"

A. 無論 A 還是 B, 都 V  
   "No matter whether A or B, in either case (X) VP"

-> a. 他覺得無論是樣子還是顏色都不太好，...  
   (He felt that, whether it was style or color, they weren't too good, ...)

b. 無論是化妝品還是香皂，名牌的日常用品太貴了。  
   Whether it's make-up or soap, they're both too expensive.

c. 無論是洗衣粉還是衛生紙，Wal-mart的日用品都比較便宜。  

d. 無論你付錢還是我付錢，一百五十塊錢的運動服都太貴了！

e. Whether it's T-shirts or jeans, she always insists on wearing 100% cotton.

B. 無論 A not A, 都 V  
   "Whether A or not, in either case (X) VP"

a. 無論減不減價，我同屋都非買名牌的衣服不可。  
   Whether they're on sale or not, my roommate always insists on buying name-brand clothes.

b. 無論是不是純棉的，我都要買。  

c. Whether she wants it or not, I'm going to give her a new Chinese dictionary.

C. 無論 wh-word, 都 VP  
   "No matter who/what/which/when/where/why/how, in any case (X) VP"

a. 無論幾點的電影，我這個週末都不能去看。  
   No matter what time the movie is, I can't go see it this weekend.

b. 無論誰教法文，我都不想學。  

c. 無論什么牌兒的牛仔褲，我媽都不喜歡穿。  

d. No matter who accompanies her, my older sister doesn't like to go to large shopping centers to shop.

e. 無論在誰家，我的孩子吃飯都非常挑剔。

   cf 不管..., 都 ...

2. .......，而且 VP/S  
   "....; furthermore, VP/S"  
   "....; moreover, VP/S"
a. He felt that neither the style nor the color was very good; furthermore, they weren't name brand.

b. I buy clothes according to the standard of quality and price, and also comfort.

c. This set of sports clothes is not very good-looking, and also not very suitable in terms of length and thickness.

d. The service attendant forgot to have me sign and didn't give me a receipt.

e. Quality good woolen sweaters最好不要用洗衣粉来洗,而且不要放在烘乾机里烘干。

3. 等 "such as ..."
... and the like"

A、B、C 等等 "A, B, C and so on"

a. His mom bought him several items of clothing, like T-shirts, sweaters, jeans, etc., ...

b. I like to eat vegetables, like broccoli, spinach, etc.

c. I need to buy a lot of furniture, like a desk, a bookcase, a bed, a wardrobe, and so on.

d. I like to eat less oily things, like steamed fish, spinach tofu soup, steamed broccoli, etc.

4. A、B、C 以及 D "A, B and C, as well as D"

a. Besides that, he still needed to buy some daily necessities like laundry soap, toothpaste, soap, and toilet paper, as well as a cup for drinking water.

b. I need to buy a comforter and a blanket, as well as things used for class.

c. I need to buy textbooks and a dictionary, as well as some daily necessities.

d. I saw some new students and old students, as well as several reporters.

e. I saw the boss and some frequent patrons, as well as a few good friends of the boss.
5. A、B、C 什麼的 "... (things) like A, B, C"

-> a. ....喝水的杯子、浴巾什麼的。 ...., things like a drinking cup and a bath towel.

b. 你到家俱店去買什麼？
c. 你到文具店去買什麼？
d. 你到 Fareway 去買什麼？
e. 你到 J. C. Penny 去買什麼？
f. 美國大學生一般都穿什麼？

6. 正好 S "It just so happened that S/[X VP]"
   X 正好 VP

-> a. 正好林雪梅也想買一些化妝品，他們就一起開車到附近一家最大的購物中心。 It's just so happened that Lin Xuemei wanted to buy a few cosmetics, too, so they drove together to the biggest shopping center in the area.

b. It just so happened that I wanted to buy cosmetics, too.
c. It just so happened that I wanted to go to Chinatown, too.
d. It just so happened that my car broke that day.
e. It just so happened that I forgot my credit card that day.
f. It just so happened that I needed to buy some daily necessities, too.
g. It just so happened that I had a set of sports clothes I wasn't wearing much lately.

7. X 就是 Y "X is Y, X is precisely Y"
   X 就是 PLACE "X is right (at) PLACE"
   X 就是 "X is it"

-> a. 張天明：我想買一套運動服。 I'd like to buy a sweatsuit.
    柯林：這兒就是。 Here they are!

b. Your dictionary is right there on the bookcase.
c. This is just the style I wanted.
d. Here it is!
e. The toilet paper is right here.
f. Cosmetics are right here.
g. It's right here!
h. The shopping center is right there.
i. [My standard for buying things]x is: [attractive goods at affordable prices]y.

8. X(V)是 V, 可是.... "X is/does V, but ....."
   "Sure, X is/does V, but ...."
   "X may V, but ...."

->a. 有的衣服便宜是便宜，可是牌子不好，穿一、兩次就不想穿了。
Some clothes may be inexpensive, but if the brand is not good, you'll wear them once or twice and then want to wear them anymore.

b. Sure I need it, but I don't have any money to buy it.
c. It may be on sale, but I don't need it.
d. Towels of good quality may be expensive, but you can use them a long time.
e. Sure the length and thickness of this sports outfit is suitable, but the style doesn't look nice.
f. He is picky, but he'll definitely eat what you make for him.

9. X 同意 NP(=viewpoint) "X agrees with NP (=viewpoint/thinking/opinion)"

->a. 我不同意你的看法。
I don't agree with your viewpoint.

b. I agree with what she said.
c. I agree with her opinion.
d. I agree with this author's opinion.
e. I agree with her way of saying (it).

Caution: 同意 does not take a preposition in Chinese!

*我跟你不同意
*I不同意你。
I don't agree with you.
10. X 非 VP 不可
"X just has/had to VP"
"X insists/insisted on VP-ing"

->a. 買衣服只圖便宜當然不好，但是也不要太挑剔，非買名牌不可。
Of course it's not good to just focus on price when buying clothes, but you don't want to be too picky either and insist on buy name brands.

b. 我不希望我女兒化妝，可是她非化妝不可。

c. 我不希望我的孩子穿牛仔褲，可是他非穿不可。

d. 我今天不想穿毛衣，可是我媽非讓我穿不可。

e. 這套運動服長短不合適，可是__________________。

f. 我想買套阿迪達斯的運動服，可是__________________。

g. 我想用信用卡買這件衣服，可是__________________。

11. X 難道 VP 嗎？
"Do you mean to say that X VP?"
"Could it be that X VP?"

->a. 難道你喜歡看小林穿不好看的衣服嗎？
Do you mean to say you like seeing Xiao Lin wearing unattractive clothes?

b. Do you mean to say you didn't know there was a test today?

c. Do you mean to say you can't remember your own surname?

d. Do you mean to say you've never had steamed fish in a Chinese restaurant?

e. Do you mean to say you don't have a credit card?

f. Do you mean to say you didn't bring any cash?

g. Do you mean to say there are no towels in your bathroom?

h. Do you mean to say you've never been to the Newton shopping center?

i. Do you mean to say you don't like clothes that are pure cotton?

12. 百分之_______%  

->a. 這個州的稅怎麼這麼重？百分之八點七五。
How can tax in this state be so high? 8.75%!
13. 打八折
"take 20% off (i.e., pay 80% or 8/10)"

->a. 你看看這套，樣子、大小、長短、薄厚都很合適，而且減價，打八折，價錢不貴。
Take a look at this set. The style, size, length, and thickness are all suitable. And it's on sale, 20% off. Not a bad price.

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14. 不過、可是、但是
"but"

->a. 這個牌子沒聽說過。不過是純棉的。
(concedes one point, suggests another: cf "on the other hand....")
This brand I've never heard of, but it's 100% cotton.

->b. 有的衣服是便宜，可是牌子不好，穿一、兩次就不想穿了。
(concedes one point, asserts a contrasting one)
Some clothes may be inexpensive, but if the brand is not good, you'll wear them once or twice and then want to wear them anymore.

->c. 買衣服只圖便宜當然不好，但是也不要太挑剔。
(asserts one point, asserts another)
Of course it's not good to just focus on price when buying clothes, but you don't want to be too picky, either.