What's the Point?

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the function of each discourse marker in the sentences below.

1. Absolutely. (H)  
2. You see, I don’t like horses. (G)  
3. The thing is, I don’t like her. (E)  
4. For starters, let’s call Jim. (D)  
5. You know, pizza was a great idea. (G)  
6. Wonderful. (H)  
7. Actually, I got a ticket. (F)  
8. Anyway, I’ve been wanting to tell you this. (C)  
9. Lastly, I’m allergic to peanuts. (D)  
10. In other words, forget about it. (E)  
11. I mean, it’s not my fault. (D)  
12. So, we’ll meet again. (B)  
13. Right, let’s get down to it. (A)  
14. Okay, tell me all about it. (A)

A  start a conversation  
B  end a conversation  
C  change a topic  
D  order what we say  
E  monitor what we say  
F  say something in another way  
G  share knowledge  
H  as a response