

## INVERSION

### I. Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one.

1. She has rarely travelled more than fifty miles from her village.

→ Rarely.....

2. He only thought about having a holiday abroad after he retired.

→ Not until.....

3. He had just started driving his new car when he had an accident.

→ Hardly.....

4. I only realized how dangerous the situation had been when I got home.

→ Only when.....

5. We had only just walked in the door when the phone rang.

→ No sooner.....

6. Miss Rose will not be offered the job under any circumstances.

→ Under .....

7. Tom was not only late, but he had left all his books behind.

→ Not only.....

8. They had to wait for twelve hours before their flight left.

=> .....

9. If the salary were high, the job would be worth doing.

=> Were .....

10. If the computer hadn't broken down and I wouldn't have had to stop my work.

=> .....

11. The weather is so beautiful that we decided to go to the beach.

=> So .....

12. She has such a soft voice that everyone likes her.

=> .....

12. The film had never before laid on such a sumptuous celebration.

=> Never .....

13. If the Government are forced into another election, it will be the favorite to win.

=> Should .....

### II. Choose the best answer.

1. They never came to lass late, and.....

A. neither did we      B. so did we      C. we did either      D. neither we did

2. Never.....me again.

A. will she love      B. she loves      C. she won't love      D. she will love

3. Not only.....but she is also very intelligent.

A. she is beautiful      B. beautiful she is      C. is she beautiful      D. beautiful is she

4. No sooner.....out than it rained.

- A. did I go      B. I went      C. had I gone      D. I had gone
5. "Does November have 31 days?" - "No, and several other months....."
- A. do too      B. do either      C. don't either      D. don't too
6. Many a time.....he wants to marry me.
- A. said he      B. he said      C. has he said      D. he has said
7. Mary has to make tea every day, and.....Daisy.
- A. so has      B. so does      C. has too      D. does too
8. So old.....that she couldn't dance.
- A. she wasn't      B. she was      C. wasn't she      D. was she
9. ....here yesterday, you would have met me.
- A. Were you      B. you were      C. Had you been      D. You had been
10. On the battle field.....
- A. the tank did lie      B. the tanks lay      C. did the tanks lie      D. lay the tanks
11. Peter does not like films,.....
- A. neither do his sister      C. his sister does neither      B. neither does his sister      D. neither his sister does
12. "I would like to apply for the sales position you advertised."
- "I'm sorry. No longer.....applications for that position."
- A. are taking we      B. we are taking      C. are we taking      D. we taking
13. No sooner.....than he begins to be washed.
- A. is a human being born      B. was a human being born
- C. a human being born      D. a human being had been born
14. Over there.....the shop that sells souvenirs.
- A. is      B. are      C. has      D. have
15. \_\_\_\_\_, you would have succeeded in your business.
- A. If you listened to my advice      B. Were you to listen to my advice
- C. Had you listened to my advice      D. As long as you listened to my advice
16. \_\_\_\_\_ had he entered the office than he realized that he had left his wallet at home.
- A. Hardly      B. Scarcely      C. No sooner      D. Not only
17. *I write to her almost every day.*
- A. Not a day goes by unless my writing to her.      B. No day go by without my writing to her.
- C. Hardly does a day go by without my writing to her.
- D. Almost every day goes by without my writing for her.
18. *The noise next door didn't stop until midnight.*
- A. It was not until midnight that the noise next door stopped.
- B. Not until midnight did the noise next door stopped.
- C. Only when midnight did the noise next door stopped.
- D. Hardly did the noise next door stopped when it was midnight.
19. *Just after solving one problem, I was faced with another.*



- A. Scarcely had I solved one problem when I was faced with another.  
 B. Hardly had I solved one problem when I was faced with another.  
 C. No sooner had I solved one problem than I was faced with another. D. All are correct.
20. Seldom \_\_\_\_\_ the guitar.  
 A. he plays B. does he play C. he doesn't play D. he does play
21. Hardly \_\_\_\_\_ a word whether son came back.  
 A. couldn't she say B. she could say C. she couldn't say D. could she say
22. Often \_\_\_\_\_ a meeting.  
 A. do we have B. we do have C. have we D. we have
23. Only at weekend \_\_\_\_\_ my kids to Water Park  
 A. I don't take B. do I take C. I take D. I do take
24. At no time \_\_\_\_\_ greater opportunities.  
 A. did women had B. has women had C. does women have D. have women had
25. Not once \_\_\_\_\_ into her eyes.  
 A. he looked B. does he looked C. did he look D. looked he
26. Never before \_\_\_\_\_ in a earnest attempt to resolve their differences.  
 A. have the leaders of these two countries met B. the leaders of these two countries have met  
 C. have the leaders of these two countries meet D. met the leaders of these two countries
27. Not only \_\_\_\_\_ at the post office, \_\_\_\_\_ at the grocery store.  
 A. does Mary work/but she also works B. works Mary/but she also works  
 C. does Mary work/but does she also work D. had entered she
28. No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ the house than the phone started to ring.  
 A. had she entered B. she had entered C. entered she D. had entered she
29. Only by saving money \_\_\_\_\_ a house.  
 A. he buys B. he can buy C. can he buy D. buy she
30. Not even once \_\_\_\_\_ the truth  
 A. he tells B. he tell C. tells he D. has she told
31. Only if I had known the difference \_\_\_\_\_ the more expensive car.  
 A. would I bought B. I would have bought C. would I buy D. would I have bought
32. Never \_\_\_\_\_ the exact cause of earthquakes.  
 A. scientists discovered B. did scientists discovered  
 C. do scientists discover D. have scientists discovered
33. Only when at home \_\_\_\_\_ her children  
 A. does she scold B. she scolds C. has she scolded D. she has scolded
34. "Is this machine often in need of repair?" - "No, \_\_\_\_\_ problems to arise".  
 A. Seldom don't we expect B. We expect seldom  
 C. Seldom we expect D. Seldom do we expect
35. "I can't see the stage very well from here". - " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- A. Neither can't I      B. Neither I can      C. I can't neither      D. Neither can I
36. Not until the early 1900s \_\_\_\_\_ to vote in the United States.  
A. women were allowed      B. were women allowed  
C. they allowed women      D. when women were allowed
37. Only recently \_\_\_\_\_ a favourite sport in the United States.  
A. has jogging become      B. has become jogging  
C. when jogging became      D. as jogging has become
38. "This is one of the oldest trees in the world" - " \_\_\_\_\_ such a big tree".  
A. Never I have seen      B. I haven't never seen  
C. Never have I seen      D. I have seen never
39. "What happened to Jean's new car?" - "No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ it than someone ran into her"  
A. had she bought      B. she bought      C. did she bought      D. she had bought
40. "I would like to apply for the sales position you advertised"  
"I'm sorry. No longer \_\_\_\_\_ applications for that position".  
A. are taking we      B. we are taking      C. are we taking      D. we taking
41. Amoebas reproduce by dividing \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. and other protozoans      B. as do other protozoans  
C. other protozoans do too      D. we taking
42. \_\_\_\_\_ a higher concentration of people than in Tokyo and Mexico City.  
A. nowhere there is      B. Nowhere is      C. Nowhere is there      D. Nowhere there isn't
43. "Did you like your trip Niagara Falls?"  
"It was beautiful. Hardly ever \_\_\_\_\_ such a spectacular sight".  
A. can see you      B. can you see      C. see you      D. you can see
44. "Can children swim in this pool?" - "Yes. However, at no time \_\_\_\_\_ alone".  
A. shouldn't they swim      B. they should swim      C. should swim they      D. should they swim
45. Only during the early twentieth century \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.  
A. liquor was prohibited then      B. that liquor was prohibited  
C. when liquor was prohibited      D. was liquor prohibited
46. "I don't like this tossed salad very well". - "Nor \_\_\_\_\_"  
A. I do      B. I do either      C. do I      D. I like it either
47. Not only \_\_\_\_\_, but he also plays the piano and writes his own songs.  
A. does Billy Joel sing      B. Billy Joel sings      C. If Billy Joel sings      D. what Billy Joel sings
48. Nowhere \_\_\_\_\_ more prevalent than in warm, swampy places.  
A. mosquitoes are      B. mosquitoes is      C. are mosquitoes      D. is mosquitoes
49. Only when the ground is kept moist \_\_\_\_\_ germinate.  
A. grass seeds will      B. will grass seeds      C. grass seeds does      D. does grass seeds
50. Not until Columbus discovered America \_\_\_\_\_ to Europe.  
A. was bananas brought      B. bananas were brought      C. were bananas brought      D. bananas was brought

**III. Choose the underlined part that needs correcting.**

1. We cannot clean up all the polluted seas and rivers. Nor we can stop the disappearance of plants and animals.  
A B C D
2. Hardly had he entered the office when he realized that he forgot his wallet.  
A B C D
3. It was not until he was 30 did he get married, had a job and lived independently of his parents.  
A B C D
4. Never before has so many people in the U.S been interested in soccer.  
A B C D
5. Not only did he spend all his money but also he borrowed some from me.  
A B C D
6. My father used to give me a good advice whenever I had a problem.  
A B C D
7. Although they always argue with each other, but they are good friends.  
A B C D
8. George has not completed the assignment yet, and Maria hasn't neither.  
A B C D