Conditionals Homework

I. Read the sentences below and match them with the rules (a-f) that follow:

1. If it rained we took the bus, but if the sun came out we always walked.
2. If I didn't love chicken so much, I would become a vegetarian.
3. If you look after your immune system, it will look after you.
4. If the core body temperature drops by a few degrees, the immune system shuts down.
5. If I hadn't been to that yoga class, I would never have learnt what it could do for me.
6. If I hadn't smoked when I was younger, I'd be far healthier now.

a. What is *always* true – present facts *[if present simple-present simple]*
b. Real situations in the present and future *[if present simple-future simple]*
c. Hypothetical present situations *[if past simple-would infinitive]*
d. What *used to* always be true – past facts *[past simple]*
e. Past events with results in the present *[if past perfect- would infinitive]*
f. Hypothetical past situations and regrets *[if past perfect- would have + past participle]*

II. Which of the sentences 1-6 in exercise I is an example of the:

a. Zero conditional _____
b. First conditional _____
c. Second conditional _____
d. Third conditional _____
e. Mixed conditional _____
f. False conditional _____

III. Complete the conditional sentences with the right form of the verb in brackets.

1 Mosquitoes are responsible for spreading the disease malaria. But for the mosquito, this disease _____ (be) so common.
2 Bronze is composed of copper and tin. Copper _____ (turn) green when it _____ (corrode). That is why bronze artefacts have a green hue.
3 If, in 1928, Alexander Fleming _____ (notice) a mould around some bacteria, we _____ (have) penicillin today.
4 There are 62,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. If you _____ (put) together end to end, they _____ (circle) Earth two and half times.
5 On certain nights of the year, if you _____ (look) into the starry sky, you _____ (see) the planets Venus and Mars.
6 Comets, too, _____ (be) visible unless there _____ (be) clouds.

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IV. In addition to *if*, there are many different forms of conditional sentences.

- Underline the conditional phrases in the clauses in A below
- Match the conditional clause in column A with the best ending in the column B.

A	B
1 Unless I go on a diet,	a I would never have tried Chinese food.
2 If I should give up eating hamburgers,/	b I'll have to start eating vegetables.
Should I give up eating hamburgers,	c I'll have to buy some new clothes.
3 Provided you exercise regularly,	d you'll be fit enough to take part in games.
4 As long as you eat all your vegetables,	e don't hesitate to contact us.
5 Even if it rains,	f I'm still going for a walk.
6 If you were to cut out the junk food,	g I'll let you have some ice-cream.
7 Had it not been for Judy,	h I would still be taking antibiotics.
8 If you happen to require any assistance,	i you'd feel so much better.
9 But for Helen's advice,	

V. Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets. Look at ex. IV for the correct structures.

1 If you went to America, which state would you like to visit? *(were to)*

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2 If you see Gary in town, can you tell him Jane is looking for him? *(should)*

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3 If you eat all your green vegetables, I'll let you have some dessert. *(as long as)*

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4 If you find a brown wallet anywhere with money in it, it belongs to me. *(happen)*

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5 If Julian had not intervened, Pete and I would probably have had an argument. *(but for)*

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6 If you had been invited to the party, would you have gone? *(had)*

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7 You wouldn't have enjoyed the performance even though you were late. *(even if)*

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