INVERSIONS IN CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Well, if inversions are not enough to suffer, you will suffer from inversions IN conditionals

We have already seen this structure before, they appeared in some parts of the test, this year it will also appear.

There are only three cases in which you can apply an inversion to a conditional, let's see:

Example one:

If you see her, say hello. (to add more **emphasis and also politeness**)

For that we will replace IF with the modal **SHOULD**

SHOULD you **see** her, say hello

Second one:

If he were my friend, I would kick him.

WERE he my friend, I would kick him. (mainly in written English)

Third one:

If I had understood what you meant, I would have acted differently.

Had I understood what you meant, I would have acted differently (This version is more emphatic, stylish and distant)

PRACTISE

- a. If you should need any help with your essay, please let me know.
 Should
- b. If I were the winner of the national lottery, I would no longer work.
 Were
- c. If you had told me she was coming, it wouldn't have happened.
 Had you
- d. If my parents should need me, I will go with them at once.
 Should
- e. If I were in your place, I would never let her go out with that boy. Were

