

## Practice

### 1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the best option, A, B or C, to complete these short extracts. Sometimes more than one option may be possible. 4.39 Listen and check.

1 Mrs Sugden meant no harm to anyone, but .... the intelligence to be really kind.

From *Enigma Variations* by Irene Young

A neither she had B neither had she C she had neither

2 He could hear the pursuers getting closer. They were almost upon him, reaching out for him, the pounding of their boots ringing in his ears, yet .... his legs would not respond.

From *Wall Games* by Michael Dobbs

A try as hard as he might B try as hard as might he C as hard as he might try

3 .... when the spectators began to return to the slope above the melon beds, coming in greater numbers than ever before.

From *The Siege of Krishnapur* by J G Farrell

A The rains had hardly stopped B Hardly had the rains stopped  
C Hardly the rains had stopped

4 In the first bedroom a door opened onto a short flight of rickety steps that led to an attic. Ward had often threatened to have it converted into a work room but, .... with most attics, it remained nothing more than a storehouse for junk that wasn't wanted elsewhere in the cottage.

From *Heathen* by Shaun Hutson

A the case is B as the case is C as is the case

5 There were three of them. Roberta — she was always called Bobbie, and was the oldest. ...., who wanted to be an engineer when he grew up. And the youngest was Phyllis, who was always trying to be good.

From *The Railway Children* by E Nesbitt

A Peter next came B Came next Peter C Next came Peter

6 'That was despicable.' 'You were not sick unto death,' retorted Joan. 'And since .... the prince's heart, how could I have stolen it from you?'

From *The Child Bride* by Philippa Wait

A at no time have you possessed B at no time you have possessed  
C at no time possessed you

7 It appeared that, despite the age gap, they'd become quite good friends. And then, since her father's fatal heart attack eighteen months ago, .... to come to terms with his loss, to face the grief and despair at the thought of never seeing him again, than her mother's letters and telephone calls had begun to fill her with stunned horror. Abseiling, at fifty-eight?

From *Calypso's Island* by Rosalie Ash

A no sooner she had slowly started B no sooner that she had slowly started  
C no sooner had she slowly started

8 And now, her face straight, her lips seeming to quiver, she went into the song; and ...., so touching the cadences, so tender with longing the words, that she seemed transformed before their eyes.

From *My Beloved Son* by Catherine Cookson

A so beautiful her rendering of it was B so beautiful was her rendering of it  
C her rendering of it so beautiful was

**2** In ten of the following sentences there are mistakes with word order and missing auxiliaries. Find and correct the mistakes, changing the verb form if necessary. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 The team is going to complain about this and so is the referee.
- 2 Little we knew the full extent of his involvement in the fraud.
- 3 The sales director is resigning, as most of the marketing team.
- 4 Over in the corner stood the three-metre tall statue of Lenin.
- 5 The embassy refuses to intervene. Well, so it be.
- 6 The council promised to put on a great display. And put they on a great display.
- 7 Under no circumstances will latecomers be admitted to the auditorium.
- 8 Now the time is for wise investors to think seriously about buying Treasury Bonds.
- 9 Rarely the early explorers had encountered such friendly and positive attitudes.
- 10 Not since Kubrick's *2001* has a director made such an intellectually challenging sci-fi movie.
- 11 The government's proposals are unrealistic, as those are of the opposition.
- 12 Opposite this house did the old city walls run.
- 13 Only after climbing onto the roof he managed to escape from the rising flood waters.
- 14 No doubt didn't he realise the consequences of his actions.

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