Conditionals (Zero, first, second, third); *Unless, in case, provided that; I wish/If only*; Mixed conditionals

1 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

Science or accident?

For years scientists have conducted experiments. In many cases, this has led to great scientific discoveries. However, don't forget that some important scientific breakthroughs occurred accidentally.

For example, if Charles Darwin (1) .... (not travel) to the Galapagos Islands, he wouldn't have noticed the differences between the same species of animal on the different islands. If he hadn't noticed these differences, he (2) .... (not come up with) his theory of evolution.

If Alexander Fleming (3) .... (be) a tidier scientist, he wouldn't have left some germ cultures in his lab while he went on holiday. If he hadn't been so observant, he (4) .... (not notice) that one culture had been contaminated on his return. If he hadn't checked the contaminated culture, he (5) .... (not discover) penicillin.

Finally, if Percy Spencer (6) .... (ignore) the melted chocolate bar in his pocket while he was working near an active radar set, he wouldn't have investigated it. If he (7) .... (not investigate) it, he (8) .... (not invent) the microwave.

2 Circle the correct alternative.

1 The hotel *will/would* pick us up from the airport unless the plane is delayed for hours.
2 You can go on safari as long as you *got/get* the necessary vaccinations.
3 I'm packing the mosquito repellent in case we *go out/went out* at night.
4 Supposing there *was/is* a hurricane, what would we do?
5 I wish we *were/would be* already at the beach and not stuck in the airport.

3 Find and correct the mistakes.

1 If only the government have reached an agreement on the situation sooner.
2 I wish scientists won't experiment on animals. I think it's cruel.
3 If the school would to close today, what would you do?
4 He won't use a red card unless he considered it absolutely necessary.
5 I wish malaria doesn't exist because it causes so much death and despair.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

1 If he .... (have) more time, he would be working in the lab now.
2 If they enjoyed adventurous holidays, they .... (come) with us.
3 If I had enjoyed science at school, I .... (be) a scientist now.
4 We .... (not be) angry with you now if you had told us the truth at the start.
5 She would have spent more time studying if she .... (want) to improve her grades.

5 Complete the dialogue with these words.

> had checked • if only • would have worked •
> were to fail • in case • had managed • wish •
> unless • don't mind • had waited

Tom: So, how did the chemistry exam go?
Kate: Not very well. (1) .... I had studied more last week!
Tom: What happened?
Kate: Well, the theory part was OK, but I wish I (2) .... to finish the whole paper. My practical experiments were terrible.
Tom: You didn't blow up the lab, did you?
Kate: No, but I did make a mess! I had to demonstrate gravity-free water. So I filled a glass with water and placed some cardboard over the top. Then I turned the glass upside down and let go of the cardboard. Unfortunately, it didn't work and the water went everywhere. If I (3) .... that there was absolutely no air in the water, then it (4) ....
Tom: So, everything got wet!
Kate: Yes! After that, I had to demonstrate a volcano using baking soda and vinegar. However, it didn't work at first, so I added more vinegar and then it exploded. I wish I (5) .... a bit longer before adding more vinegar. I (6) .... I had more patience!
Tom: What did the teacher say?
Kate: Well, he told me I failed that part of the test. I won't pass this subject (7) .... I redo the practical next week. If I (8) .... again next week, I don't know what I would do.
Tom: That won't happen. We'll practise together this weekend. I'll cover everything in newspaper though, (9) .... there's another accident!
Kate: That will be great, as long as your parents (10) ....