Grammar Inversion

1 Choose the two options which can complete each sentence.

1 ___ has this industry experienced such outstanding results.

a Seldom **b** No sooner **c** Rarely

2 ___ did we realise there was a major error in the contract.

a Not until **b** Only later **c** Little

3 ___ did we give up hope that a solution could be found.

a At no time **b** Not once **c** Only when

4 Not only would this increase productivity, ___ improve staff motivation.

a but it could also **b** could it also **c** also it could

5 ___would I agree to this relocation package for my team.

a Not only **b** On no account **c** Under no circumstances

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

are	did	had	have	should	will

1 The offer is not very good. Under no circumstances _____ you accept it.

2 The new interns are great. Rarely _____ we had such a talented group.

3 At no time in our last meeting _____ we promise you an increase in salary.

4 Not only _____ they late, but they also haven't phoned to warn us.

5 Only by taking this opportunity _____ you reach your career potential.

6 No sooner _____ they agreed to the relocation package than the offer was withdrawn.

3 Put the phrases in the correct order to make sentences using inversion.

1 did she believe / first place / not until she / received the letter / she had won

_____

2 are given more / make a decision / information can we / only if we

_____

3 about to fall / little did we know / prices were / that property

_____

4 circumstances would we / under no / to be an acceptable offer / consider this

_____

5 did they give / him any feedback / not once / on his performance

_____

6 a compromise can / job security / only by finding / we guarantee

_____

7 convincing presentation / seldom have / such a / we heard

_____

8 but they also / he get an interview, / not only did / offered him the job

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