



LESSON 34B: INVERSION REVISION (BAL.)

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Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the verbs in the blanks.

Question 1: Hardly (the new law, introduce) _____ when the mistake was released.

Question 2: Not only you (be late) _____, but you also forgot to bring the documents.

Question 3: Only at the end of the interview I (think) _____ I had a chance of getting the job.

Question 4: Barely the politician (start) _____ to speak when the crowd began to boo.

Question 5: Seldom we (receive) _____ any apology when mistakes are made.

Question 6: My dad's never been abroad, and nor my mum (have) _____.

Question 7: Never in all my life I (see) _____ such a horrible thing.

Question 8: I (be) _____ you, I'd start looking for another job.

Question 9: At no time I (suspect) _____ that he was a killer.

Question 10: Nowhere I (have) _____ ever such bad service.

Question 11: Not until you (grow up) _____ will we let you live independently.

Question 12: Only when the plane landed safely he (calm down) _____.

Question 13: Only after I (check) _____ that the burglars had left, did I call the police.

Question 14: No sooner the company (launch) _____ its new product than it went bankrupt.

Question 15: Under no circumstances employees (allow) _____ to leave the building without permission.

Question 16: Not only he (spend) _____ all his money but he borrowed some from me as well.

Question 17: Scarcely I (open) _____ the front door when I heard a noise from the kitchen.

Question 18: Rarely people (care) _____ about the environment enough to give up driving their cars.

Question 19: We (win) _____ the competition, we would have had a free trip to Moscow.

Question 20: No sooner I (accept) _____ the job than they told me I had to work at weekends.

Exercise 4: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 1: He got down to writing the letter as soon as he returned from his walk.

- A. No sooner had he returned from his walk when he got down to writing the letter.
- B. Not until he returned from his walk did he get down to writing the letter.
- C. Only after he had returned from his walk did he get down to writing the letter.

D. Hardly had he returned from his walk when he got down to writing the letter.

Question 2: She just had time to put up her umbrella before the rain came down in torrents.

- A. No sooner had she put up her umbrella than the rain came down in torrents.
- B. The rain came down in torrents as soon as she just has time to put up her umbrella.
- C. Only when she had put up her umbrella did the rain come down in torrents.
- D. If she hadn't time to put up her umbrella, the rain wouldn't have come down in torrents.

Question 3: If you want to save your eyesight, you must operate immediately.

- A. Unless you want to save your eyesight, you mustn't operate immediately.
- B. Only by operating immediately can you save your eyesight.
- C. Provided that you must operate immediately, you can save your eyesight.
- D. If you did operate immediately, you couldn't save your eyesight.

Question 4: I only realized what I had missed when they told me about it later.

- A. Only after I had realized what I had missed did they tell me about it later.
- B. As soon as they told me about it I realized what I had missed.
- C. Only when they told me about it later did I realize what I had missed.
- D. They told me about it and I realized what I had missed.

Question 5: The demand was so great that they had to reprint the book immediately.

- A. So great was the demand that they had to reprint the book immediately.
- B. So great the demand was that they had to reprint the book immediately.
- C. Such great was the demand that they had to reprint the book immediately.
- D. Such was the demand great that they had to reprint the book immediately.

Question 6: She was so busy that she couldn't answer the phone.

- A. She was very busy that she couldn't answer the phone.
- B. So busy was she that she couldn't answer the phone.
- C. She was too busy not to answer the phone.
- D. She was very busy so that she couldn't answer the phone

Question 7: She didn't read the reference books. She wouldn't be able to finish the test.

- A. Had she read the reference books, she would have been able to finish the test.
- B. If she had read the reference books, she could finish the test.
- C. Although she didn't read the reference books, she was able to finish the test.
- D. Not having read the reference books, she couldn't finish the test.

Question 8: It was not until the sun was shining brightly that the little girl woke up.

- A. No sooner was the sun shining brightly than the little girl woke up.
- B. Not until the little girl woke up was the sun shining brightly.
- C. Not until the sun was shining brightly did the little girl wake up.
- D. As soon as the little girl woke up, the sun hasn't shone brightly yet.

Question 9: We couldn't solve the problem until our teacher arrived.

- A. Not until we solved the problem could our teacher arrive.
- B. When our teacher arrived, we solved the problem.
- C. Until our teacher arrived, we were able to solve the problem.
- D. Not until our teacher arrived could we solve the problem.

Question 10: The mistake in the accounts was not noticed until the figures were re-checked.

- A. It was not until the mistake in the accounts was noticed that the figures were re-checked.
- B. Once re-checking the figures, the mistake in the accounts was noticed.
- C. The mistake in the accounts only came to light when the figures were re-checked.
- D. When the figures were re-checked they came to light the mistake in the accounts.

Exercise 5: *Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.*

Question 1: No sooner had he appointed to the post than the new editor fell ill.

- A. had
- B. appointed
- C. than
- D. fell ill

Question 2: No sooner had the announcement been made when everyone started complaining.

- A. No sooner
- B. been made
- C. started
- D. complaining

Question 3: Had it not been for the dead of the Prime Minister, the bill would have been passed.

- A. Had it not been for
- B. dead
- C. the
- D. would have been passed

Question 4: Not until John had received the offer of promotion in writing he celebrated.

- A. Not until
- B. had received
- C. in writing
- D. he celebrated

Question 5: Only by hard training every day can we become a good athlete.

- A. Only
- B. hard training
- C. can we become
- D. a