



LESSON 34B: INVERSION REVISION (BAL.)

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

- 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.

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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