Inversion



Choose the correct sentence.

a) Never I have witnessed such a disturbing scene.
b) Never have I witnessed such a disturbing scene.

c) Seldom we see a celebrity in this town.
d) Seldom do we see a celebrity in this town.

e) No sooner had the plane landed that she unfastened her seat belt.
f) No sooner had the plane landed than she unfastened her seat belt.

g) Hardly had the spokesperson released the statement than all the journalists started asking questions.
h) Hardly had the spokesperson released the statement when all the journalists started asking questions.

Rewrite the second sentence beginning as shown.

1. He had seldom left the house in such a hurry.
   Seldom _____
2. He will not be allowed to smoke in the premises under any circumstances.
   Under no circumstances _____
3. She had hardly left the shop when the police arrested her.
   Hardly _____
4. My parents have rarely left the house in the past three months.
   Rarely _____
5. You must on no account use the lift in case of fire.
   On no account _____
6. You will get a discount as long as you pay cash.
   Only if _____
7. She fell off the stage and broke her leg.
   Not only _____ but she also broke her leg.
8. We got off the train and it began to rain.
   No sooner _____
9. As soon as they arrived on the beach, they realised they didn't have any sunscreen.
   Hardly _____
10. I was never taught how to deal with this situation.
    At no time _____

Match

a)	Scarcely had I turned on the lights...	... than my friends shouted "Surprise!"
b)	No sooner had I turned on the lights...	... when my friends shouted "Surprise!"
c)	Never have I...	... had the honour of working with him.
d)	Rarely do I...	... have the honour of working with him.
e)	Not only Mary...	... buy him a present but she also made him a card.
f)	Not only did Mary...	... bought him a present; everybody got him something.