INVERSION: PRACTICE 2

EXERCISE 1

USING INVERSION, REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

❶ You come to realise the significance of the murder only in the last few pages of the book.
Only in the last _____

❷ The demands of her job are such that she is rarely able to take a holiday.
Such _____

❸ The matter could be explained in no other way.
In _____

❹ I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.
Seldom _____

❺ Peter didn't realize that he had lost his keys until he got home.
Not _____

❻ If Mr Chan had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.
_____

❼ If an emergency should arise, dial 999.
_____

❽ There are no circumstances where audience members may consume alcohol.
Under no circumstances _____

❾ They started to argue soon after they had got married.
No sooner _____

❿ You can't use my new car at any time.
At no time _____

EXERCISE 2

REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING INVERSION.

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance.
   Little _____
2. We won't consider you for the basketball team until you grow up.
   Not until _____
3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994.
   Not since _____
4. You will not be allowed to enter the auditorium under any circumstances once the play has started.
   Under no circumstances _____
5. He would never play in front of a live audience again.

Never _____

6. Amy had not enjoyed herself so much since she went to the circus as a child.
   Not since _____
7. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before.
   Never before _____
8. They only realized the painting had been hung upside down when someone complained at reception.
   Only when _____
9. I had been in the room for a few minutes when I realized that everyone was staring at me.
   Only after _____
10. He discovered that he had injured his knee when he tried to run.
    Only when _____
11. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
    Hardly _____
    _____
12. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read thoroughly under any circumstances.
    Under no circumstances _____
    _____

EXERCISE 3

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. _____ that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.
   a) Little have I known
   b) Little did I know
   c) Little I knew
   d) I knew little

2. In no way _____ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.
   a) did I ever
   b) I ever did
   c) had I ever
   d) I had ever

3. Hardly _____ we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.
   a) we had finished breakfast that
   b) had we finished breakfast that
   c) had we finished breakfast when
   d) we had finished breakfast when

4. At no time before I accepted the job _____ that I would have to do so much travelling around the country.
   a) did they told
   b) I was told
   c) I had been told
   d) was I told

5. Not since the 1960s _____ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.
   a) so many people have
   b) have so many people
   c) did so many people have
   d) had so many people had

EXERCISE 4

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS WITH THE VERB IN THE CORRECT FORM.

1. Not until the area is made safe _____ (construction/can continue).
2. In no way _____ (the announcement/affect) how strongly we felt about the situation.
3. Seldom _____ (you/see) a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
4. Not only _____ (Jerry/forget) my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
5. At no time _____ (I/ask) my opinion on the subject.
6. Only when I checked the ticket again _____ (I/realise) that I had won first prize!
7. Only if the weather is clear _____ (the space shuttle/will allow) to launch.
8. Such _____ (the media interest/be) in the wedding that there were over a dozen photographers.

EXERCISE 5

COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.

at no point ★ in no way ★ little ★ never ★ not ★ not only ★ no sooner only after ★ scarcely ★ on no account ★ rarely ★ under no circumstances

1. _____ were the security guards to blame for what happened.
2. _____ once did the old woman thank me for helping her.
3. _____ seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to leave hospital.
4. _____ will passengers be allowed to carry more than 2 pieces of hand luggage.
5. _____ were they late to work, but they also forgot to bring the reports.
6. _____ during the party did anyone mention that Peter and Julie were getting married.
7. _____ had Alan arrived in Mexico when he was arrested.
8. _____ did the passengers know that the driver was really an undercover police officer.
9. _____ do you meet anyone as charming as Mr Peterson.
10. _____ should unaccompanied children be allowed to enter the pub.
11. _____ before has the company found itself facing such stiff competition.
12. _____ had the alarm gone off than the police cars arrived.