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Exercise 1. Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. Seldom _____ to the theatre when I lived in London.

A. I have gone B. I went C. have I gone D. did I go

2. Hardly _____ home when she came.

A. I had left B. had I left C. I left D. did I leave

3. _____ must you tell anyone about the plans until they have been announced officially.

A. On no circumstances B. On any circumstances C. Under no circumstances D. Under any circumstances

4. I thought, _____, that the exam would be difficult.

A. as thought my friend B. my friend thought as C. as did my friend D. my friend as did

5. _____ the fire alarm, leave the building at once.

A. Should you hear B. Should you have heard C. If you heard D. Shall you hear

6. I wouldn't do that _____

A. if I had been you B. should I be you C. if I would be you D. were I you

7. Such _____of the play that the theatre is likely to be full every night.

A. popular is B. is popular C. the popularity is D. is the popularity

8. _____does the government appreciate what the results will be.

A. Little B. Few C. Much D. A lot

9. So short _____he can't reach the switch on the wall.

A. is Tom that B. Tom is that C. that Tom is D. that is Tom

10. Only _____that the door was not locked.

A. Mary realized B. did Mary realize C. Mary had realized D. had Mary realized

Exercise 2. Choose the sentence that best rewrites the original one.

11. I shall never forget her in my life.

A. Never I shall forget her in my life. B. Never in my life shall I forget her.

C. Never forget her in my life shall I. D. Never in my life I shall forget her.

12. She was so nice that many people wanted to make friend with her.

A. So nice was she that many people wanted to make friend with her.

B. So nice she was that many people wanted to make friend with her.

C. Such a nice girl she was that many people wanted to make friend with her.

D. Such nice a girl was she that many people wanted to make friend with her.

13. I can finish this work on time only if you help me.

A. Only if you help me I can finish this work on time. B. I can finish this work on time do you help me only if.

C. Only if you help me can I finish this work on time. D. This work can be finished on time only if do you help me.

14. As soon as I got into the bath, someone knocked at the door.

A. As soon as had I got into the bath that someone knocked at the door.

B. Hardly I had got into the bath when did someone knock at the door.

C. No sooner had I got into the bath than someone knocked at the door.

D. Barely did I get into the bath before someone had knocked at the door.

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15. If you need money, go to the banks before six o'clock.

A. Need you money, go to the banks before six o'clock.

B. Will you need money, go to the banks before six o'clock

C. You can go to the banks before six o'clock unless you need money.

D. Go to the banks before six o'clock should you need money.

16. She is not only beautiful but also can study very well.

A. Not only she is beautiful but can she also study very well.

B. Not only is she beautiful but she can also study very well.

C. Not only beautiful she is but also can she study very well.

D. Not only beautiful is she but she also can study very well.

17. If they had asked, I would have had to tell them.

A I would have had to tell them had they asked.

B. I would have had to tell them would they have asked.

C. Did they asked I would have had to tell them.

D. Would I have had to tell them if they had asked.

18. Michael hardly ever opens his mouth at the staff meeting.

A. Hardly ever Michael opens his mouth at the staff meeting.

B. Hardly ever does Michael open his mouth at the staff meeting.

C. At the staff meeting does Michael hardly ever open his mouth.

D. Ever hardly Michael does open his mouth at the staff meeting.

19. If Mr. Morgan were still the head teacher, he wouldn't permit such bad behavior.

A. Would he not permit such bad behavior if Mr. Morgan were still the head teacher.

B. Did Mr. Morgan be still the head teacher, he wouldn't permit such bad behavior.

C. Were Mr. Morgan still the head teacher, he wouldn't permit such bad behavior.

D. Should Mr. Morgan have been the head teacher, he wouldn't permit such bad behavior.

20. It was only when I heard the full story that I realized I had been taken in.

A. Only when did I hear the full story that I realized I had been taken in.

B. Only when did I hear the full story did I realize that I had been taken in.

C. Only when I heard the full story that I realized had I been taken in.

D. Only when I heard the full story did I realize that I had been taken in.

Exercise 3. There is a mistake in the four underlined parts of each sentence. Correct the mistake.

21. Only by chance were the archaeologists discover the secret chamber in the tomb.

A B C D

22. Barely he had walked into the house when the telephone rang.

A B C D

23. Only by practicing every day you can become a good guitarist.

A B C D

24. Not only did Jean win the first prize but was she also offered a promotion.

A B C D

25. On no account I am allowed to be make a phone call while I am in a meeting.

A B C D

26. Not until did the train pull into Euston Station did Jim find that his coach had gone.

A B C D

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27. Such strong were the hurricane winds that no building in the town escaped damage.

A B C D

28. Only when did I stop did I realize that something was wrong.

A B C D

29. Not only John is an intelligent student but he also has good ways of study.

A B C D

30. Never before did I taste such a wonderful combination of flavors.

A B C D

Exercise 4. Rewrite these sentences, beginning with the WORDS in brackets.

31. If I asked, would you help me?

→ Were .....

32. Just as he had gone out of the house, his boss telephoned.

→ Barely .....

33. Our profits this year are higher than they have ever been.

→ Never before .....

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