Using "Mixed Time" in Conditional Sentences

Frequently the time in the *if*-clause and the time in the result clause are different: one clause may be in the present and the other in the past. Notice that past and present times are mixed in these sentences.

(a) True: I *did not eat* breakfast several hours ago, so I *am* hungry now.
(b) Conditional: If I *had eaten* breakfast several hours ago, I *would not be* hungry now.
(past) (present)

(c) True: He *is not* a good student. He *did not study* for the test yesterday.
(d) Conditional: If he *were* a good student, he *would have studied* for the test yesterday.
(present) (past)

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below (following the example given) with the appropriate conditional form.

0. She will take care of the children for us next weekend because her business trip was canceled.

   But, she (take, not) would not be taking care of the children for us next weekend if her business trip (be, not) had not been canceled.

1. Tom is not going to come to dinner tomorrow because you insulted him yesterday.

   But, he (come) _____ if you (insult) _____ him.

2. Marie is unhappy because she gave up her career when she got married.

   But, Marie (be) _____ happy if she (give, not) _____ up her career when she got married.

3. Dr. Mercer decided not to accept the research grant at Harvard because he is going to take six months off to spend more time with his family.
   But, Dr. Mercer (accept) _____ the research grant at Harvard if he (take, not) _____ six months off to spend more time with his family.

4. Professor Schmitz talked so much about the Maasai tribe because she is an expert on African tribal groups.
   But, Professor Schmitz (talk, not) _____ so much about the Maasai tribe if she (be, not) _____ an expert on African tribal groups.

5. I am unemployed because I had a disagreement with my boss and I was fired.
   But, I (be, not) _____ unemployed if I (have, not) _____ a disagreement with my boss and I (be, not) _____ fired.

6. Nicole speaks Chinese fluently because she lived in China for ten years.
   But, Nicole (speak, not) _____ Chinese fluently if she (live, not) _____ in China for ten years.

7. I will not help you study for your test because you have spent the last two weeks partying and wasting time.
   But, I (help) _____ you study for your test if you (spend, not) _____ the last two weeks partying and wasting time.

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8. Eleanor and Ben are not going skiing with us this year because Eleanor just had a baby.
But, Eleanor and Ben (go) _____ skiing with us this year if Eleanor (have, not, just) _____ a baby.

9. I am completely exhausted, so I will not go with you to the movies tonight.
But, if I (be, not) _____ completely exhausted, I (go) _____ with you to the movies tonight.

10. She is not worried about the conference tomorrow because she is not giving a speech.
But, she (be) _____ worried about the conference tomorrow if she (give) _____ a speech.

11. Frank is not going to the graduation ceremony because he broke his leg snowboarding last week.
But, Frank (go) _____ to the graduation ceremony if he (break) _____ his leg snowboarding last week.

12. They are not releasing the prisoner next month because there was so much public opposition to his parole.
But, they (release) _____ the prisoner next month if there (be) _____ so much opposition to his parole.

13. The hotels filled up months in advance because the festival is going to include jazz artists from around the globe.
But, the hotels (fill) _____ up months in advance if the festival (include) _____ jazz artists from around the globe.

14. We are not worried about the recent string of robberies in the neighborhood because the police have started regularly patrolling the area.
But, we (be) _____ worried about the recent string of robberies in the neighborhood if the police (start, not) _____ regularly patrolling the area.

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