Name: _____ Date: _____

I wish and If only

I wish / If only: Used to express a desire for change or regret.

Exercise 1

Intructions: Read each situation carefully and choose the correct option (a, b, c, or d)

Example: **0.** I am very short and I can't reach the top shelf. I wish I _____ taller.
a) am, b) will be, ***c) were***, d) have been

1. I have to wake up at 5:00 AM every single day for my new job. I really hate it. If only I _____ to get up so early!
a) don't have b) didn't have c) wouldn't have d) hadn't had

2. I love photography, but I don't know how to develop film. I wish I _____ how to do it myself.
a) knew b) know c) have known d) would know

3. We got completely lost during our hike because we forgot the map. If only we _____ the map with us!
a) brought b) had brought c) would bring d) have brought

4. I am not very tall, so I was never selected for the school basketball team. I wish I _____ taller when I was younger.
a) was b) had been c) would be d) am

5.This suitcase is incredibly heavy and I can't lift it. I wish you _____ me pack so many books.
a) didn't help b) wouldn't help c) hadn't helped d) don't help

6.My laptop is extremely slow today. I wish it _____ working faster so I could finish this report.
a) is b) were c) will be d) has been

7.I'm so sunburnt after going to the pool. If only I _____ some sunscreen before leaving the house.
a) put on b) had put on c) would put on d) have put on

8.I really want to go to the concert tonight, but the tickets are sold out. I wish I _____ bought them last week.
a) had b) would have c) did d) have

9.My English is okay, but I wish I _____ speak it fluently like a native speaker.
a) can b) could c) will d) would

10.We are stuck in a massive traffic jam. If only we _____ the train instead of driving today.
a) took b) had taken c) would take d) have taken

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Exercise 2

Intructions: Complete the blanks by writing the correct form of the verb in parentheses or adding the missing word such as "would", "could", "had", or "only" to correctly express a wish, regret, or complaint based on the context.

Example: 0. I want to go to Italy but I don't have money. If only I had (have) enough money for a plane ticket.

1. My sister is always borrowing my clothes without asking me first! I wish she _____ (ask) for permission before opening my closet.
2. The weather is terrible today. If _____ it would stop raining so we could play football outside!
3. You keep interrupting me while I'm presenting. I wish you _____ (listen) just for a moment!
4. I'm so broke this month. I wish I _____ (not spend) all my savings on that expensive trip last summer.
5. My apartment is so tiny. I wish I _____ (have) a bigger kitchen to cook for my friends.
6. I don't understand this grammar topic at all. If only the teacher _____ (explain) it more slowly.
7. I missed the last bus home. I wish I _____ (leave) the party fifteen minutes earlier.
8. Our landlady is going to increase the rent again. I wish she _____ (not do) that every single year.
9. I can't find my keys anywhere. If only I _____ (remember) where I put them this morning.
10. I have to stay at home studying for finals. I wish my friends _____ (not send) me photos of them at the beach right now.

Exercise 3

Intructions: Exam candidate often make mistakes with I wish and If only. Identify the mistakes and correct them.

Example: 0. I wish my friend will stop texting me at midnight. Correction: I wish my friend *would* stop texting me at midnight.

I don't have any plans for tonight. I wish I have somewhere fun to go with my classmates.

If that only I had studied medicine, I would be working in a hospital right now.

It's too late now. I wish you hadn't tell him the truth about the surprise party yesterday.

This room is freezing. I wish the hotel manager will turn on the heating right now.

I really miss my hometown. If only I can afford a plane ticket to visit my family this weekend.

I am so tired today. I wish I didn't stayed up until 3:00 AM watching that movie last night.

My brother never shares his video games. I wish he does lend them to me sometimes.

We are completely lost in Paris. If only we have downloaded the offline map before our flight.

Public transport here is terrible. I wish the city buses run more frequently during the weekends.

I failed my driving test. I wish I would have practiced parking a bit more last week.

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