. **The holiday might have been cheaper, but at least we were fortunate with the weather.**

A) We didn't realize the holiday would be so cheap, and the climate was nice, too.
B) We can be thankful that the weather was good, although the holiday was a little expensive.
C) The holiday should have been less expensive as we hardly had any nice weather.
D) Due to the poor weather, the price of the holiday should have been reduced.
E) Despite the favourable weather, we still paid too much for the holiday.

I was amazed that my ordinarily humourless boss could come up with such a hilarious joke.

A) It was so uncharacteristic of my boss to tell a really funny joke that I was thoroughly surprised.
B) My boss's jokes are usually funny, but this one was even funnier than usual.
C) Since my boss has such a great sense of humour, I was astounded to hear him tell such a bad joke.
D) If anyone can tell a good joke, then my normally stern and unsmiling boss can, too.
E) The surprising thing about my boss is the way he can suddenly seem to have no sense of humour at all.

. **The fire must have been started on purpose; otherwise, it couldn't have caused so much damage.**

A) Once the blaze had begun, it spread quickly and did a lot of damage.
B) If someone were to start a fire there, it could prove highly damaging.
C) No one can say for sure how the fire broke out, but the harm it did is obvious.
D) Seeing that it destroyed so many things, the fire can't have been accidental.
E) The fire might have been very serious if nobody had tried to prevent it.

No one under eighteen is allowed in the club, and you will be no exception.

A) The club is only for people over eighteen, so you might not be allowed in.
B) If you are over eighteen, then it is legal for you to go into the club.
C) No one in the club is under eighteen, but you are an exception.
D) The rule that those under eighteen are forbidden from entering the club is applicable to you, too.
E) Now that you are eighteen, you will be allowed in the club.

Native Americans have always struggled to protect their culture from the onslaught of Western influence.

A) After the coming of Europeans to the New World, Native Americans fled west in order to preserve their culture.
B) It is not easy to be a Native American living in a westernized world that offers no shelter from the difficulties of modern life.
C) American Indians have been attacking Europeans for decades in the hopes of keeping their world unchanged.
D) Millions of American Indians were slaughtered after the European invasion which followed their discovery of the continent.
E) It has been an ongoing fight for the American Indians to keep their way of life from becoming westernized.

. **A quarter of all bird species in the world are known to have become extinct during the past two hundred years.**

A) It is estimated that one-fourth of all bird species will become extinct within the next two centuries.
B) It is known that two centuries ago the number of birds living on the earth was 25% greater than it is today.
C) It has been acknowledged that one-fourth of all bird species have ceased to exist over the last two centuries.
D) We are likely to cause the extinction of one-fourth of all bird species during the next two hundred years.
E) It is clear that we risk causing the extinction of 25% of all bird species during the next two centuries.

....., there's no way I would have made such a stupid decision.

A) As I've never been known as the cleverest of people
B) If I had known then as much as I know now
C) Since I'm always making lots of careless mistakes
D) I just couldn't decide whether I was doing the right thing
E) Until you tell me everything I need to know about the case

Had the automobile not been invented, ...

A) we won't be able to travel so far or so quickly
B) I wonder what our lives would be like today
C) how many people would have chosen to buy one
D) petrol sources are rapidly running dry
E) pollution will be less of a problem worldwide

I didn't want to share the house with her any more ..... .

A) since the day I had a terrible quarrel with her
B) as I had lost confidence in her following the last incident
C) if she hadn't kept on treating me as if I were her maid
D) unless she never picks up after herself and leaves the house in a mess
E) provided she didn't listen to her music so loudly while I was studying

. You should have no problem impressing potential employers at job interviews ..... .

A) once you had decided to stop rebelling and wear a tie
B) in case you forget to take your recommendation letters with you
C) as long as you dress properly and appear confident
D) provided that you did not arrive late for the appointment
E) if only you had not worn that ridiculous Mickey Mouse tie

. Whenever there is an international incident, ...

A) powerful nations try to use it to their advantage
B) the United Nations was not able to solve it
C) few people have ever expected too much of the United Nations
D) athletic competitions have certainly stimulated good-will between nations
E) it also includes such music contests as Eurovision

. Scientists are unable to predict accurately ..... .

A) what caused the dinosaurs to become extinct
B) how fast are the polar ice-caps melting
C) when the volcano will erupt next
D) how much of the rainforests will man destroy in the twenty-first century
E) which is directly affected by the "hole" in the ozone layer

Research carried out recently suggests ..... .

A) that one or two glasses of red wine every day is good for your heart
B) which involved many well-known doctors and nutritionists
C) to eat five small meals a day instead of three big ones
D) so we can be sure that grape juice is the best nutrient for the brain
E) as some people do not believe there can be any benefit in eating vegetables raw

. What her bosses admire most about her ..... .

A) she is so beautifully dressed at all times
B) is the way she is always so organized
C) I wish she would boast about herself less
D) most of us wish we were a bit like her
E) haven't prevented her from coming to work late