

Conditionals Homework

I. Read the sentences below and match them with the rules (a-f) that follow:

1. If it rained we took the bus, but if the sun came out we always walked.
 2. If I didn't love chicken so much, I would become a vegetarian.
 3. If you look after your immune system, it will look after you.
 4. If the core body temperature drops by a few degrees, the immune system shuts down.
 5. If I hadn't been to that yoga class, I would never have learnt what it could do for me.
 6. If I hadn't smoked when I was younger, I'd be far healthier now.
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- a. What is *always* true – present facts [*if present simple-present simple*]
 - b. Real situations in the present and future [*if present simple-future simple*]
 - c. Hypothetical present situations [*if past simple-would infinitive*]
 - d. What *used to* always be true – past facts [*past simple*]
 - e. Past events with results in the present [*if past perfect- would infinitive*]
 - f. Hypothetical past situations and regrets [*if past perfect- would have + past participle*]

II. Which of the sentences 1-6 in exercise I is an example of the:

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| a. Zero conditional _____ | d. Third conditional _____ |
| b. First conditional _____ | e. Mixed conditional _____ |
| c. Second conditional _____ | f. False conditional _____ |

III. Complete the conditional sentences with the right form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Mosquitoes are responsible for spreading the disease malaria. But for the mosquito, this disease _____ (be) so common.
- 2 Bronze is composed of copper and tin. Copper _____ (turn) green when it _____ (corrode). That is why bronze artefacts have a green hue.
- 3 If, in 1928, Alexander Fleming _____ (notice) a mould around some bacteria, we _____ (have) penicillin today.
- 4 There are 62,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. If you _____ (put) together end to end, they _____ (circle) Earth two and half times.
- 5 On certain nights of the year, if you _____ (look) into the starry sky, you _____ (see) the planets Venus and Mars.
- 6 Comets, too, _____ (be) visible unless there _____ (be) clouds.

IV. In addition to *if*, there are many different forms of conditional sentences.

- Underline the conditional phrases in the clauses in A below
- Match the conditional clause in column A with the best ending in the column B.

A

- 1 Unless I go on a diet,
- 2 If I should give up eating hamburgers,/
Should I give up eating hamburgers,
- 3 Provided you exercise regularly,
- 4 As long as you eat all your vegetables,
- 5 Even if it rains,
- 6 If you were to cut out the junk food,
- 7 Had it not been for Judy,
- 8 If you happen to require any assistance,
- 9 But for Helen's advice,

B

- a I would never have tried Chinese food.
- b I'll have to start eating vegetables.
- c I'll have to buy some new clothes.
- d you'll be fit enough to take part in games.
- e don't hesitate to contact us.
- f I'm still going for a walk.
- g I'll let you have some ice-cream.
- h I would still be taking antibiotics.
- i you'd feel so much better.

V. Rewrite the following sentences using the words in brackets. Look at ex. IV for the correct structures.

1 If you went to America, which state would you like to visit? (*were to*)

2 If you see Gary in town, can you tell him Jane is looking for him? (*should*)

3 If you eat all your green vegetables, I'll let you have some dessert. (*as long as*)

4 If you find a brown wallet anywhere with money in it, it belongs to me. (*happen*)

5 If Julian had not intervened, Pete and I would probably have had an argument. (*but for*)

6 If you had been invited to the party, would you have gone? (*had*)

7 You wouldn't have enjoyed the performance even though you were late. (*even if*)
