

## TEST CHAPTER 17 – INVERSION

**1**

**Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words in bold.**

- 1 The rain came **down**.  
...*Down came the rain*....
- 2 The birds flew **away**.  
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- 3 My house is **at the end of the road**.  
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- 4 The actors came **onto the stage**.  
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- 5 The aeroplane rose **up into the sky**.  
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- 6 The Grand Hotel stands **at the foot of the mountain**.  
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- 7 The policeman walked **down the street**.  
.....
- 8 The window cleaner climbed **up the ladder**.  
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**2**

**Rewrite the sentences using the words/phrases given.**

- 1 I have seldom eaten at such an expensive restaurant.  
Seldom ...*have I eaten at such an expensive restaurant*....
- 2 She had no sooner fallen asleep than the telephone rang.  
No sooner .....
- 3 We not only got lost, but our car broke down.  
Not only .....
- 4 I have never heard such a terrible story before.  
Never before .....
- 5 We realised only then that the jewels had been stolen.  
Only then .....
- 6 Business has rarely been so good.  
Rarely .....
- 7 The boss has not once given him a bonus.  
Not once .....
- 8 You should not enter this room under any circumstances.  
Under no circumstances .....
- 9 I got to know Peter only after meeting him several times.  
Only after .....

- 10 The police didn't know that the man was a criminal.  
Little .....
- 11 I haven't been to the beach since last summer.  
Not since .....
- 12 If I had known about the party, I would have gone.  
Had .....
- 13 We haven't had such a wonderful time anywhere else.  
Nowhere .....
- 14 If I were you, I would look for a new job.  
Were .....
- 15 He had barely entered the office when the manager called him.  
Barely .....

**3**

**Chris Young is a fashion designer. He is talking to his staff about keeping the designs for his next show a secret. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.**



Under no circumstances 1) ...*should you tell*... (you/should/tell) anyone about the plans for the show next week and in no way 2) ..... (you/must/give) our competitors any clues about our designs. Not until the day after the fashion show 3) ..... (you/will/be able to) talk to reporters about the clothes. Only in this way 4) ..... (the show/will/be) a success. If you all follow these orders, not only 5) ..... (you/will/get) a large bonus after the show, but you will also be given some time off.

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Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word in bold.

- 1 You will get there on time if you leave now.  
**will** Only if you ...*leave now will you*... get there on time.
- 2 As soon as I got into bed, I fell asleep.  
**sooner** No ..... into bed than I fell asleep.
- 3 We didn't notice the time until it was too late.  
**did** Not until it was ..... the time.
- 4 It was only after I drank the milk that I realised it was sour.  
**did** Only after I had drunk the milk ..... it was sour.
- 5 If I were you, I would buy a computer.  
**you** Were ..... buy a computer.
- 6 I only noticed the scratch on my car when I looked closely.  
**notice** Only when I looked closely ..... the scratch on my car.
- 7 They had no idea it was the wrong train.  
**know** Little ..... it was the wrong train.
- 8 There's no way I can meet him at the airport.  
**can** In no way ..... at the airport.
- 9 We could only get there on time by taking a short cut.  
**could** Only by taking a short cut ..... there on time.
- 10 She's a brilliant actress and a talented writer as well.  
**only** Not ..... actress, but she's also a talented writer.
- 11 Don't open the door on any account while I'm out.  
**should** On no account ..... the door while I'm out.
- 12 If I had realised how late it was, I wouldn't have stayed so long.  
**realised** Had ..... was, I wouldn't have stayed so long.
- 13 I haven't eaten such delicious food anywhere.  
**else** Nowhere ..... such delicious food.
- 14 You must not open this box under any circumstances.  
**no** Under ..... this box.
- 15 I had never seen such a fierce dog before.  
**before** Never ..... such a fierce dog.
- 16 I remembered my keys only after I had closed the door.  
**remember** Only after I had closed the door ..... my keys.
- 17 We rarely had sweets when we were young.  
**have** Hardly ever ..... we were young.

## Common mistakes

- **Rarely they** travel abroad any more. *X*  
**Rarely do they** travel abroad any more. *✓*
- **Hardly** had she left the house **than** it started raining. *X*  
**Hardly** had she left the house **when** it started raining. *✓*
- **Not only she is** arrogant but also rude. *X*  
**Not only is she** arrogant but also rude. *✓*
- **Only after had he finished** his work **he had** a break. *X*  
**Only after he had finished** his work **did he have** a break. *✓*
- 'I enjoy going to open-air concerts.' 'So I do.' *X*  
'I enjoy going to open-air concerts.' 'So do I.' *✓*
- She is a lively person, **as her** brother. *X*  
She is a lively person, **as is her** brother. *✓*
- 'Where did you buy this rug?' **asked he.** *X*  
'Where did you buy this rug?' **he asked.** *✓*

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Correct the mistakes.

- 1 'I love chocolate biscuits.' 'So I do.'
- 2 'What have you been doing?' asked she.
- 3 Hardly had Melissa gone to bed than the telephone rang.
- 4 Not only he is lazy, but also stubborn.
- 5 He is a mechanic, as his father.
- 6 Seldom she goes to the theatre.
- 7 Only after had he closed the windows he left the house.

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Cross out the unnecessary word.

- 1 Do you come in, please.
- 2 What I would really like it is a long holiday.
- 3 Only by you getting a job will you be able to pay off your debts.
- 4 Marion enjoys travelling abroad and so does enjoy her sister.
- 5 It was Angela who she told me about your accident.
- 6 If were I you, I would think twice before accepting his proposal.
- 7 All he did it was mumble an excuse.
- 8 Only when did I talked to him in person was the matter settled.
- 9 Rarely ever do we go to the opera.
- 10 No sooner had we finished our meal than when a fight broke out.

THE END