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FULL NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

COMPARATIVE GRAMMAR ENGLISH/SPANISH

1st Part- 30% : (About Skill 15-19): Complete each sentence with a suitable phrase containing the verb in brackets in an appropriate form.

- a) Should (need) anything, could you let me know?
- b) Were the plane..... (take off), everyone in it would have been killed.
- c) Had..... (study) harder, I would probably have passed all my exams.
- d) Should..... (be) in the neighbourhood, drop in.
- e) Had..... (go) to the doctor immediately, your daughter would not be so ill.
- f) Never before..... (spend) so much money on her daughter's birthday.
- g) Should..... (feel) hungry, just call room service, and order a meal.
- h) Were..... (offer) her the job, we couldn't be sure that she would accept.
- i) Had..... (take) the necessary measures, this political crisis could have been avoided,
- j) Scarcely..... (get) home when the police called us with news of Geoffrey.



2nd Part-20% : (Skill 15-19): CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. _____ *that I was speaking to someone as important as Professor Sims.*

- a) Little have I known
- b) Little did I know
- c) Little I knew
- d) I knew little

2. *In no way _____ question his honesty, although I think that he made some wrong decisions.*

- a) did I ever
- b) I ever did
- c) had I ever
- d) I had ever

3. *Hardly _____ we were told that it would soon be time for lunch.*

- a) we had finished breakfast that
- b) had we finished breakfast that
- c) had we finished breakfast when
- d) we had finished breakfast when

4. *At no time before I accepted the job _____ that I would have to do so much travelling around the country.*

- a) did they told
- b) I was told
- c) I had been told
- d) was I told

5. *Not since the 1960s _____ attended an anti-war demonstration in London.*

- a) so many people have
- b) have so many people
- c) did so many people have
- d) had so many people had



3rd Part- 30%: (Skills 15-19): Using inversion, rewrite the following sentences beginning with the words given.

❶ You come to realise the significance of the murder only in the last few pages of the book.

Only in the last _____

❷ The demands of her job are such that she is rarely able to take a holiday.

Such _____

❸ The matter could be explained in no other way.

In _____

❹ I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.

Seldom _____

❺ Peter didn't realize that he had lost his keys until he got home.

Not _____

❻ If Mr Chan had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.

❼ If an emergency should arise, dial 999.

❽ There are no circumstances where audience members may consume alcohol.

Under no circumstances _____

❾ They started to argue soon after they had got married.

No sooner _____

❿ You can't use my new car at any time.

At no time _____



4th Part- 20%: (Skills 15-19): Work on the following sentences as asked depending on whether you need to invert a normal sentence, or the other way around.

NORMAL SENTENCE ORDER	INVERTED SENTENCE
Italy produces many excellent wines, and Spain does too.	
She was very religious, as were most of her friends.	
City dwellers have a higher death rate than country people do.	
She speaks English better than her brother (does)	
Should you need a hand, I will be more than happy to help you.	
If I won the first place, I would throw a party with my close friends.	
She had never felt so happy.	
I had hardly begun to apologize when the door closed.	