

## INVERSION – EXERCISES

### A. Underline the correct words in bold in each sentence.

1. Jim promised that **he would never/ never would he** tell anyone else.
2. Not until it was too late **I remembered / did I remember** to call Susan.
3. Hardly had we settled down in our seats **than/when** the lights went out.
4. Only after checking three times **I was/was I** certain of the answer.
5. At no time **I was aware/was I aware** of anything out of usual.
6. Only Mary and Sally **passed/ did they pass** the final examination.
7. **So the waves were high/ So high were the waves** that swimming was dangerous.
8. Only when **Peter has arrived / has Peter arrived** can we begin the program.
9. No sooner had it stopped raining **than/when** the sun came out.
10. **If should you leave early/ Should you leave early** could you give me a lift?

### B. Complete each sentence by using the phrases from the box.

Had we   No sooner had   On no account   Should you  
Not only did   Under no circumstances will  
Were you   Hardly had   Little did   Rarely have

1. \_\_\_\_\_ we arrived at the hotel, when there was a power cut.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ should you tell him about the test results.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ she know what she was about to discover!
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to pay the full amount now, there would be a ten per cent discount.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ need any help, do not hesitate to contact me.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the doctors seen a more difficult case.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jean win first prize, but she also offered a promotion.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ late arrivals be admitted to the theatre before the interval.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ one missing child been found, than another three disappeared.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ arrived earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane.

### C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. It was only when the office phoned me that I found out about the meeting.  
**find**

Not until the office phoned me \_\_\_\_\_ about the meeting.

2. The facts were not all made public at the time.

**later**

Only \_\_\_\_\_ all made public.

3. If I had known about the event, I would have let you know.

**known**

Had \_\_\_\_\_ about the event, I would have let you know.

4. As soon as I got home, I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.

**than**

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ I realised I'd left my bag in the shops.

5. If he saw you here, he would be surprised.

**to**

Were \_\_\_\_\_ here, he would be surprised.