

Unit 9: EMPHASIS

I. INVERSION

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

NEVER HARDLY NOWHERE NOT UNTIL LITTLE
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES NO SOONER NOT ONLY

- 1 _____ 1846 was the existence of the planet Neptune finally proven.
- 2 _____ did I know that more trouble was just around the corner.
- 3 _____ have I been spoken to so rudely!
- 4 _____ was he a valued colleague, but he was also a good friend.
- 5 _____ had they left the restaurant, than a group of journalists surrounded them.
- 6 _____ can you find such wonderful pizzas as those in Rome and Naples.
- 7 _____ should you be absent from your seminars.
- 8 _____ had I got into bed, when there was a knock at the door.

2 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence above.

- 1 We had hardly started when it began to rain.
Hardly _____
- 2 I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.
Seldom _____
- 3 I shall never forget your kindness.
Never _____
- 4 I saw only then the danger we were in.
Only _____
- 5 We had no sooner left the house than it exploded.
No _____
- 6 He didn't realize that he had lost the key until he got home.
Not _____
- 7 They not only robbed you, they smashed everything.
Not _____

8 You can find this special kind of ice cream only in Italy.

Only _____

9 Passengers are not permitted to open the door themselves under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances _____

10 He didn't say a single word.

Not _____

3 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence above.

1 He would never allow his team mates to argue with the referee.

Never _____

2 I would never wear a mini-skirt.

Under no circumstances _____

3 The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance.

Little _____

4 Tom only understood the meaning of the comment when he saw his wife's face.

Only _____

5 The priest started the ceremony immediately after the couple had arrived.

No sooner _____

6 The artist rarely paid any attention to his agent's advice.

Rarely _____

4 Choose the words or phrases which complete each sentence. The number of correct answers is 0-4.

1 No sooner had I reached home _____ the telephone rang.

A than

B when

C then

D immediately

2 _____ left the building, when the bomb went off.

A Hardly have we

B No sooner we have

C Hardly had we

D No sooner have we

3 Under no circumstances _____ a compromise.

A accept we

B can we reach

C will there be

D can there be

4 On no account _____ make personal phone calls from the office.

A must employees

B are employees allowed to

C may employees

D are employees permitted to

5 Not until _____ her letter _____ her feelings.

A did he receive ... he understood

B received he ... did he understand

C he received ... he understood

D did he receive ... did he understand

6 Only when _____ into smart clothes after the match were they allowed to talk to the TV reporters.

A had the players changed ... were they allowed

B the players had changed ... were they allowed

C the players did change ... they were allowed

D did the players change ... they were allowed

II. CLEFT SENTENCES

1 Rewrite each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence before it.

a I know what you did to her. You broke her heart.

What _____ break _____

b I know what she did. She upset all her colleagues by being so arrogant.

What _____ arrogance.

c I know why he was attracted to this job; he wanted to give people orders.

What _____ authority _____

d I know what persuaded him to resign. He wasn't being given credit for his achievements.

What _____ achieved.

2 Finish each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence before it.

a I only realised she was a foreigner when she opened her mouth.

It was _____

b Your place of birth doesn't determine your accent; the place you spend your childhood in does.

It's not where _____

c His actions didn't bring about his downfall; lying about them did.

It wasn't what _____

d You don't know who your real friends are until a time like that.

It's only _____

e His jokes in themselves are not funny; his manner of telling them is.

It's how _____