**JAG03 Unit 4 Water II**

**Grammar - Conditionals**

1. **Look at sentences *a, b*, and *c* below from the TED talk by David Sedlak. In which one does the speaker:**

* make a prediction about the future?
* form a theory about the present?
* form a theory about the past?

1. If we make smart investments, we will be able to solve the problem.
2. If you had told me the idea 20 years ago, I would have dismissed you as an unrealistic and uninformed dreamer.
3. San Jose would have enough water to get them through an entire year if they captured stormwater.
4. **Complete the sentences:**

**Zero conditional:** Your research gets published when/if…

**First conditional:** Your research will get published if …

**Second conditional:** Your research would get published if…

**Third conditional:** Your research would have got published if…

1. **Practice: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets:**
2. You will always get a good return on your money if you …………… (invest) in research and development.
3. If we incinerated plastics on a large scale, what waste products ……………. (we produce)?
4. If diamonds ………….. (not discover) in South Africa, the history of that region would have followed a less dramatic and probably more peaceful path.
5. If it ……….. (not be) for the new computerised marking system, the college could never have processed the results in time.
6. The local authorities will begin to evacuate all buildings south of the river unless the floodwater ………… (fall) in the next half hour.
7. There will be further outbreaks of fire in southern Greece if the temperatures …………. (rise) again.
8. When a small asteroid ………… (hit) the Earth´s atmosphere, it burns up immediately.
9. Archaeologists might make important new discoveries if they …………. (be allowed) long-term access to building sites in key areas of major cities. Instead, valuable discoveries are lost as bulldozers tear up the earth.

(adapted from Paterson, K. *Oxford Grammar for EAP.* OUP, 2013.)

1. **Complete the sentences with your own ideas:**

Life on this planet will cease to exist if…

Humans will successfully colonise other planets if…

The impact of climate changes will be enormous if…

We will reduce emissions of carbon dioxide if…

Geology would be a much more attractive field of study if…

It would have been a disaster if….

If dinosaurs hadn´t died out, …