6.1 Inversion for Emphasis: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Explain the effect on the reader of the inversion in this sentence: 'Never before had the villagers witnessed such devastation.'

(2)

2 Each sentence below contains an inversion error. Identify and correct each one.

(a) Never I have seen such dedication. **(2)**

(b) Rarely he complains about the weather. **(2)**

(c) Not only she finished first, but she also set a new record. **(2)**

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3 For each sentence, identify (i) the fronted adverbial and (ii) the auxiliary verb that has been inverted with the subject.

(a) Never before had the town experienced such flooding. **(2)**

(b) Rarely does the museum stay open this late. **(2)**

(c) Not only did the team win the match, but they also broke the league record. **(2)**

(d) Under no circumstances should you open that door. **(2)**

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4 Rewrite each sentence so that it uses inversion, fronting the adverbial given.

(a) Adverbial: 'Never'. Sentence: 'I have never met someone so determined.' **(2)**

(b) Adverbial: 'Rarely'. Sentence: 'The library is rarely this quiet.' **(2)**

(c) Adverbial: 'Not only...but also'. Sentences: 'The volcano erupted violently. It also destroyed the village.' **(2)**

(d) Adverbial: 'No sooner...than'. Sentences: 'The concert started. The lights failed.' **(2)**

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5 Write THREE original sentences using inversion for emphasis, one for each category below.

(a) A sentence using a NEGATIVE FREQUENCY adverbial (never, rarely or seldom). **(2)**

(b) A sentence using a RESTRICTION or ADDITION structure ('not only... but also' or 'under no circumstances'). **(2)**

(c) A CONDITIONAL sentence with 'if' dropped (had, were or should). **(2)**

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6 Write a short paragraph (approximately 80-100 words) describing an unexpected event (for example a surprise visitor, a sudden change in weather, or an unusual discovery). Your writing must include: one inversion using a negative frequency adverbial (never, rarely or seldom), one inversion using 'not only... but also', and one conditional inversion with 'if' dropped (had, were or should). Underline each of the three required features in your answer.

(10)

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Question 1

identifies that fronting 'Never before' emphasises how unprecedented or extreme the event is — **B1**

develops the effect on the reader, e.g. the formal, dramatic word order intensifies the sense of shock at the scale of the 'devastation' (oe) — **B1**

Answer: **Fronting 'Never before' immediately signals that this event is completely unprecedented, before the reader even reaches the word 'devastation'; the formal, dramatic inversion intensifies the sense of shock and stresses just how extreme the villagers' experience is.**

Question 2

(a) identifies that the subject 'I' and auxiliary 'have' have not been inverted after the fronted adverbial 'Never' — **B1**

(a) correct rewrite: Never have I seen such dedication, cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Never have I seen such dedication.**

(b) identifies that do-support is missing after the fronted adverbial 'Rarely' — **B1**

(b) correct rewrite: Rarely does he complain about the weather, cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Rarely does he complain about the weather.**

(c) identifies that do-support 'did' is missing after the fronted adverbial 'Not only' — **B1**

(c) correct rewrite: Not only did she finish first, but she also set a new record, cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Not only did she finish first, but she also set a new record.**

Question 3

(a) adverbial: 'Never before' — **B1**

(a) auxiliary: 'had' — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Adverbial: 'Never before'; auxiliary: 'had'**

(b) adverbial: 'Rarely' — **B1**

(b) auxiliary: 'does' — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Adverbial: 'Rarely'; auxiliary: 'does'**

(c) adverbial: 'Not only' — **B1**

(c) auxiliary: 'did' — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Adverbial: 'Not only'; auxiliary: 'did'**

(d) adverbial: 'Under no circumstances' — **B1**

(d) auxiliary: 'should' — **B1**

(d) Answer: **Adverbial: 'Under no circumstances'; auxiliary: 'should'**

Question 4

(a) 'Never' correctly fronted — **B1**

(a) auxiliary 'have' correctly inverted with subject 'I', cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Never have I met someone so determined.**

(b) 'Rarely' correctly fronted — **B1**

(b) auxiliary 'is' correctly inverted with subject 'the library', cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Rarely is the library this quiet.**

(c) 'Not only' fronted with do-support 'did' correctly inserted before the subject 'the volcano' — **B1**

(c) second clause correctly joined with 'but... also', cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Not only did the volcano erupt violently, but it also destroyed the village.**

(d) 'No sooner' fronted with the past perfect auxiliary 'had' correctly inverted with the subject 'the concert' — **B1**

(d) second clause correctly joined with 'than', cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **No sooner had the concert started than the lights failed.**

Question 5

(a) a negative frequency adverbial correctly fronted — **B1**

(a) auxiliary correctly inverted with the subject, cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **Sample answer (indicative, not the only acceptable response): 'Rarely does the coastal path flood during summer storms.'**

(b) a restriction or addition adverbial correctly fronted — **B1**

(b) auxiliary correctly inverted with the subject, cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **Sample answer (indicative, not the only acceptable response): 'Under no circumstances should visitors touch the exhibits.'**

(c) a conditional auxiliary correctly fronted with 'if' dropped — **B1**

(c) remainder of the sentence grammatically complete and correctly punctuated, cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **Sample answer (indicative, not the only acceptable response): 'Had the bus arrived on time, we would not have missed the connection.'**

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Question 6

AO5: Content and organisation (AO5)

Level 1 Simple description of the unexpected event; little sense of a consistent voice or organisation.	**1-2**
Level 2 Some relevant, engaged description of the event; ideas are mostly sequenced clearly.	**3-4**
Level 3 Clear, engaging and convincing description of the event in a consistent voice; well organised with a genuine sense of the writer's reactions.	**5-6**

AO6: Technical accuracy (control of inversion) (AO6)

Level 1 Limited accuracy; the three required inversions (frequency adverbial, 'not only... but also', conditional with 'if' dropped) are mostly missing or used incorrectly.	**1**
Level 2 Most of the three required inversions are present and mostly accurate, with occasional errors.	**2-3**
Level 3 All three required inversions are present, clearly marked and used accurately and effectively, alongside a controlled range of other sentence forms.	**4**

Indicative content:

- Paragraph uses first or third person and a consistent tense throughout
- A negative frequency adverbial (never, rarely or seldom) is fronted with the auxiliary correctly inverted before the subject
- 'Not only' is fronted with an auxiliary correctly inverted, and the second clause is balanced with 'but' and/or 'also'
- A conditional clause has 'if' dropped and the auxiliary (had, were or should) correctly fronted before the subject
- No missing or wrongly ordered auxiliaries after any fronted adverbial
- Sense of atmosphere and the writer's own reaction to the unexpected event, appropriate to a narrative or diary register

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