6.1 Inversion for Emphasis: Test Pack

about 15 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Are the following statements about inversion for emphasis TRUE or FALSE?

(a) Inversion for emphasis reverses the normal subject-before-auxiliary word order for stylistic effect. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(b) Any adverb, including 'often' or 'usually', can be fronted to trigger inversion. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(c) In the sentence 'Rarely does the tide reach this high,' the word 'does' has been added because there is no other auxiliary verb in the original sentence. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(d) Inversion for emphasis is a feature mainly associated with casual, everyday conversation. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(e) 'Not only' must usually be balanced later in the sentence by a word such as 'but' or 'also'. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(f) Conditional sentences can sometimes be inverted so that 'if' is dropped altogether, for example 'Had I known...' **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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2 In each pair, identify which sentence uses inversion for emphasis.

(a) A) Rarely does the tide reach this high. B) The tide rarely reaches this high. **(1)**

- ☐ A
- ☐ B

(b) A) I have never tasted such a spicy curry. B) Never have I tasted such a spicy curry. **(1)**

- ☐ A
- ☐ B

(c) A) No sooner had the bell rung than the students rushed out. B) The bell had no sooner rung than the students rushed out. **(1)**

- ☐ A
- ☐ B

(d) A) Not only was the exam difficult, but it was also unfairly long. B) The exam was not only difficult, but it was also unfairly long. **(1)**

- ☐ A
- ☐ B

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3 Choose the auxiliary verb that correctly completes each inverted sentence.

(a) Seldom ___ we experienced such generosity. **(1)**

- ☐ A) do
- ☐ B) have
- ☐ C) did

(b) Rarely ___ the soloist sing so beautifully nowadays. **(1)**

- ☐ A) does
- ☐ B) do
- ☐ C) did

(c) Not only ___ she pass the exam, but she also achieved the top mark. **(1)**

- ☐ A) does
- ☐ B) did
- ☐ C) has

(d) No sooner ___ the rain stopped than the sun came out. **(1)**

- ☐ A) had
- ☐ B) has
- ☐ C) did

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4 Rewrite this sentence using inversion, fronting the word 'Rarely': 'The manager rarely praises the staff this warmly.'

(2)

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5 Identify and correct the error in this sentence: 'Under no circumstances you should feed the animals.'

(2)

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6 Combine these two simple sentences into ONE sentence using 'So...that' inversion: 'The lecture was extremely boring. Several students fell asleep.'

(2)

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Question 1

(a) True **B1**

(a) Answer: **True**

(b) False **B1**

(b) Answer: **False**

(c) True **B1**

(c) Answer: **True**

(d) False **B1**

(d) Answer: **False**

(e) True **B1**

(e) Answer: **True**

(f) True **B1**

(f) Answer: **True**

Question 2

(a) A **B1**

(a) Answer: **A**

(b) B **B1**

(b) Answer: **B**

(c) A **B1**

(c) Answer: **A**

(d) A **B1**

(d) Answer: **A**

Question 3

(a) B) have **B1**

(a) Answer: **B**

(b) A) does **B1**

(b) Answer: **A**

(c) B) did **B1**

(c) Answer: **B**

(d) A) had **B1**

(d) Answer: **A**

Question 4

'Rarely' correctly fronted with do-support 'does' inserted before the subject 'the manager' **B1**

main verb correctly returned to its base form 'praise', cao **B1**

Answer: **Rarely does the manager praise the staff this warmly.**

Question 5

identifies that the auxiliary 'should' and subject 'you' have not been inverted after the fronted adverbial **B1**

correct rewrite: Under no circumstances should you feed the animals, cao **B1**

Answer: **Under no circumstances should you feed the animals.**

Question 6

correct fronted structure: 'So' + adjective + 'was' + subject **B1**

'that' clause correctly completes the result, cao **B1**

Answer: **So boring was the lecture that several students fell asleep.**

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