**INVERSION – EXERCISES**

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

Rarely have No sooner had Under no circumstances are   
Not only did Under no circumstances will as did  
Were you Hardly had Little did Rarely have

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we arrived at the hotel, when there was a power cut.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of staff to accept gratuities from clients.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Detective Dawson realize what she was to discover!
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay the full amount now, there would be a ten per cent discount.
5. I supposed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most people, that I would be retiring at 60.
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. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so many employees taken sick leave at the same time.
11. **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.**
12. It was only when the office phoned me that I found out about the meeting.

**find**

Not until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the meeting.

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

**later**

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

1. The response to our appeal was so great that we had to take on more staff.

**response**

Such \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our appeal that we had to take on more staff.

1. Harry broke his leg, and also injured his shoulder.

**but**

Not only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also injured his shoulder.

1. The police didn’t suspect at all that the judge was the murderer.

**did**

Little \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as being the murderer.

1. The bus driver cannot be blamed for the accident in any way.

**held**

In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the accident.

1. If the government raised interest rates, they would lose the election.

**raise**

Were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interest rates, they would lose the election.

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

**had**

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

1. It was only when I asked a passer-by that I realised where I was.

**did**

Not until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where I was.

1. The minister was interrupted just after starting his speech.

**when**

Hardly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he was interrupted.