**EXERCISE 1**

USING INVERSION, REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN.

1. You come to realise the significance of the murder only in the last few pages of the book.
   Only in the last ____________________________

2. The demands of her job are such that she is rarely able to take a holiday.
   Such ____________________________

3. The matter could be explained in no other way.
   In ____________________________

4. I have seldom heard such beautiful singing.
   Seldom ____________________________

5. Peter didn't realize that he had lost his keys until he got home.
   Not ____________________________

6. If Mr Chan had been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.
   ____________________________

7. If an emergency should arise, dial 999.
   ____________________________

8. There are no circumstances where audience members may consume alcohol.
   Under no circumstances ____________________________

9. They started to argue soon after they had got married.
   No sooner ____________________________

10. You can't use my new car at any time.
    At no time ____________________________

**EXERCISE 2**

REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING INVERSION.

1. The gang didn't know that the police had them under surveillance.
   Little ____________________________

2. We won't consider you for the basketball team until you grow up.
   Not until ____________________________

3. Nobody has won so many matches for his team since 1994.
   Not since ____________________________

4. You will not be allowed to enter the auditorium under any circumstances once the play has started.
   Under no circumstances ____________________________

5. He would never play in front of a live audience again.
   ____________________________
Never __________________________________________________________
6. Amy had not enjoyed herself so much since she went to the circus as a child.  
   Not since ______________________________________________________
7. I have never seen such a terrible performance of Hamlet before.  
   Never before _____________________________________________________
8. They only realized the painting had been hung upside down when someone  
   complained at reception.  
   Only when ______________________________________________________
9. I had been in the room for a few minutes when I realized that everyone was  
   staring at me.  
   Only after ______________________________________________________
10. He discovered that he had injured his knee when he tried to run.  
    Only when ______________________________________________________
11. The new park was hardly finished when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.  
    Hardly _________________________________________________________
12. You shouldn't sign a contract you haven't read thoroughly under any  
   circumstances.  
   Under no circumstances __________________________________________

EXERCISE 3
CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. ________________ that I was speaking to someone as important as  
   Professor Sims.  
   a) Little have I known   b) Little did I know  
   c) Little I knew  d) I knew little

2. In no way ________________ question his honesty, although I think that  
   he made some wrong decisions.  
   a) did I ever  b) I ever did  
   c) had I ever  d) I had ever

3. Hardly ________________ we were told that it would soon be time for  
   lunch.  
   a) we had finished breakfast that  b) had we finished breakfast that  
   c) we had finished breakfast when  d) we had finished breakfast when

4. At no time before I accepted the job ________________ that I would have  
   to do so much travelling around the country.  
   a) did they told  b) I was told  
   c) I had been told  d) was I told

5. Not since the 1960s ________________ attended an anti-war demonstration in  
   London.  
   a) so many people have  b) have so many people  
   c) did so many people have  d) had so many people had
EXERCISE 4
COMPLETE USING THE WORDS IN BRACKETS WITH THE VERB IN THE CORRECT FORM.
1. Not until the area is made safe ____________________________________________
   (construction/can continue).
2. In no way ____________________________________________________________
   (the announcement/affect) how strongly we felt about the situation.
3. Seldom _______________________________________________________________
   (you/see) a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
4. Not only _____________________________________________________________
   (Jerry/forget) my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
5. At no time ____________________________________________________________
   (I/ask) my opinion on the subject.
6. Only when I checked the ticket again ______________________________________
   (I/realise) that I had won first prize!
7. Only if the weather is clear _____________________________________________
   (the space shuttle/will allow) to launch.
8. Such _________________________________________________________________
   (the media interest/be) in the wedding that there were over a dozen photographers.

EXERCISE 5
COMPLETE USING THE WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE BOX.

| at no point ★ in no way ★ little ★ never ★ not ★ not only ★ no sooner ★
| only after ★ scarcely ★ on no account ★ rarely ★ under no circumstances |

1. ___________________________ were the security guards to blame for what
   happened.
2. ___________________________ once did the old woman thank me for helping
   her.
3. ___________________________ seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to
   leave hospital.
4. ___________________________ will passengers be allowed to carry more than
   2 pieces of hand luggage.
5. ___________________________ were they late to work, but they also forgot to
   bring the reports.
6. ___________________________ during the party did anyone mention that Peter
   and Julie were getting married.
7. ___________________________ had Alan arrived in Mexico when he was
   arrested.
8. ___________________________ did the passengers know that the driver was
   really an undercover police officer.
9. ___________________________ do you meet anyone as charming as Mr
   Peterson.
10. ___________________________ should unaccompanied children be allowed to
    enter the pub.
11. ___________________________ before has the company found itself facing
    such stiff competition.
12. ___________________________ had the alarm gone off than the police cars
    arrived.
**EXERCISE 1**

1. Only in the last few pages of the book *do you come* to realise the significance of the murder.
2. Such are the demands of her job that she is rarely able to take a holiday.
3. In no other way could the matter be explained.
4. Seldom have I heard such beautiful singing.
5. Not until he got home *did Peter realize* that he had lost his keys.
6. Had Mr Chan been kinder to his employees, his business would not have collapsed.
7. *Should an emergency arise*, dial 999.
8. Under no circumstances may audience members consume alcohol.
9. No sooner had they got married than they started to argue.
10. *At no time can you use* my new car.

**EXERCISE 2**

1. Little *did the gang know* that the police had them under surveillance.
2. Not until you grow up *will we consider* you for the basketball team.
3. Not since 1994 *has anybody won* so many matches for his team.
4. Under no circumstances *will you be allowed to enter* the auditorium once the play has started.
5. *Never would he play* in front of a live audience again.
6. Not since she went to the circus as a child *had Amy enjoyed* herself so much.
7. *Never before have I seen* such a terrible performance of Hamlet.
8. Only when someone complained at reception *did they realize* the painting had been hung upside down.
9. Only after I had been in the room for a few minutes *did I realize* that everyone was staring at me.
10. Only when he tried to run *did he discover* that he had injured his knee.
11. Hardly *was the new park finished* when vandals destroyed the flowerbeds.
12. Under no circumstances *should you sign* a contract you haven’t read thoroughly.

**EXERCISE 3**

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. d
5. b
**EXERCISE 4**

1. Not until the area is made safe can construction continue.
2. In no way did the announcement affect how strongly we felt about the situation.
3. Seldom do you see a vintage car in quite such good condition these days.
4. Not only did Jerry forget/had Jerry forgotten my birthday, but he also forgot our wedding anniversary.
5. At no time was I asked/had I been asked my opinion on the subject.
6. Only when I checked the ticket again did I realise that I had won first prize!
7. Only if the weather is clear will the space shuttle allow to launch.
8. Such was the media interest in the wedding that there were over a dozen photographers.

**EXERCISE 5**

1. In no way were the security guards to blame for what happened.
2. Not once did the old woman thank me for helping her.
3. Only after seeing the doctor was Theresa allowed to leave hospital.
4. On no account/Under no circumstances will passengers be allowed to carry more than 2 pieces of hand luggage.
5. Not only were they late to work, but they also forgot to bring the reports.
6. At no point during the party did anyone mention that Peter and Julie were getting married.
7. Scarcely had Alan arrived in Mexico when he was arrested.
8. Little did the passengers know that the driver was really an undercover police officer.
9. Rarely do you meet anyone as charming as Mr Peterson.
10. Under no circumstances should /On no account unaccompanied children be allowed to enter the pub.
11. Never before has the company found itself facing such stiff competition.
12. No sooner had the alarm gone off than the police cars arrived.