

12- Inversion and Cleft Sentences – New Practice Exercises

Section (A)

Part 1 – Inversion

1. I didn't notice how dark it was until I looked out of the window.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Only when I looked out of the window I noticed how dark it was.
- B) Only when did I look out of the window I noticed how dark it was.
- C) Only when I looked out of the window did I notice how dark it was.
- D) Only when I look out of the window did I notice how dark it was.

2. The manager was so angry that everyone kept quiet.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) So angry was the manager that everyone kept quiet.
- B) So the manager was angry that everyone kept quiet.
- C) So angry the manager was that everyone kept quiet.
- D) So the angry manager was that everyone kept quiet.

3. I had never seen such a beautiful sunset.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Never before I had seen such a beautiful sunset.
- B) Never before had I seen such a beautiful sunset.
- C) Never I had seen such a beautiful sunset before.
- D) Never before I saw such a beautiful sunset.

4. They didn't realise how serious the problem was until it was too late.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Only after it was too late did they realise how serious the problem was.
- B) Only after they realised it was too late how serious the problem was.
- C) Only after it was too late they realised how serious the problem was.
- D) Only after too late it was did they realise how serious the problem was.

5. We rarely have such cold winters in this country.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Rarely do we have such cold winters in this country.
- B) Rarely we have such cold winters in this country.
- C) Rarely had we such cold winters in this country.
- D) Rarely does we have such cold winters in this country.

6. He didn't begin to study hard until he failed the exam.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Only when he failed the exam he began to study hard.
- B) Only when he failed the exam did he begin to study hard.
- C) Only when did he fail the exam he began to study hard.
- D) Only after he fails the exam did he begin to study hard.

7. I had just gone to bed when the phone rang.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Hardly I had gone to bed when the phone rang.
- B) Hardly had I gone to bed than the phone rang.
- C) Hardly had I gone to bed when the phone rang.
- D) Hardly gone to bed had I when the phone rang.

8. I have never heard such a ridiculous excuse.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Never before I heard such a ridiculous excuse.
- B) Never before had I heard such a ridiculous excuse.
- C) Never before have I hear such a ridiculous excuse.
- D) Never before I had heard such a ridiculous excuse.

9. We not only visited the museum but also had lunch there.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Not only we visited the museum but we had lunch there.
- B) Not only visited we the museum but also had lunch there.
- C) Not only did we visit the museum but we also had lunch there.
- D) Not only we did visit the museum but also we had lunch there.

10. I seldom go out during the week.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Seldom I go out during the week.
- B) Seldom do I go out during the week.
- C) Seldom I do go out during the week.
- D) Seldom am I go out during the week.

Part 2 – Cleft Sentences

11. I lost my keys at the supermarket.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was my keys that I lost at the supermarket.
- B) What I lost was my keys at the supermarket.
- C) The place I lost was my keys at the supermarket.
- D) It was at the supermarket I lost my keys that.

12. We met during the summer holidays.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was the summer holidays when we met.
- B) It was during the summer holidays that we met.
- C) What we met was during the summer holidays.
- D) It was we met during the summer holidays that.

13. I called you because I needed help.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) What I needed was help that I called you.
- B) It was help I called you because I needed.
- C) It was because I needed help that I called you.
- D) Because I needed help it was that I called you.

14. Sarah baked this cake for her mother.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was Sarah that baked this cake for her mother.
- B) What baked this cake for her mother was Sarah.
- C) It was this cake that Sarah baked for her mother.
- D) It was for her mother that this cake was baked by Sarah.

15. You surprised me most with your honesty.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) What surprised me most was your honesty.
- B) It was you surprised me most your honesty.
- C) What was surprised me most was your honesty.
- D) It was your honesty surprised me most.

16. I can't stand is people who lie.

– The correct form is:

- A) What I can't stand are people who lie.
- B) It is people who lie I can't stand.
- C) What I can't stand is people who lie.
- D) People who lie it is I can't stand.

17. My brother taught me how to swim.

- The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was my brother who taught me how to swim.
- B) Who taught me how to swim was my brother.
- C) It was how to swim that my brother taught me.
- D) My brother it was taught me how to swim.

18. I remember the day when we first met.

- The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It is the day that we first met I remember.
- B) It was the day when we first met that I remember.
- C) What I remember is we first met the day.
- D) The thing I remember was the day when we first met that.

19. He borrowed my car yesterday.

- The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was yesterday that he borrowed my car.
- B) It was my car yesterday that he borrowed.
- C) What he borrowed yesterday it was my car.
- D) Yesterday was my car that he borrowed.

20. We had a great time at the festival.

- The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) What we had at the festival was a great time.
- B) It was the festival what we had a great time at.
- C) The thing we had was a great time at the festival.
- D) It was a great time what we had at the festival.

Section (B)

Inversion and Cleft Sentences – New Practice Exercises

Part 1 – Inversion

1. I didn't realize how late it was until the teacher stopped speaking.

- The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Only when the teacher stopped speaking I realized how late it was.
- B) Only when did the teacher stop speaking I realized how late it was.
- C) Only when the teacher stopped speaking did I realize how late it was.
- D) Only after I realized how late it was the teacher stopped speaking.

2. The storm was so strong that many trees fell down.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) So strong the storm was that many trees fell down.
B) So strong was the storm that many trees fell down.
C) So was the storm strong that many trees fell down.
D) So the storm was strong that many trees fell down.
3. She had never felt so nervous before the performance.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) Never before had she felt so nervous before the performance.
B) Never she had felt so nervous before the performance.
C) Never before she felt so nervous before the performance.
D) Never had she felt before so nervous the performance.
4. They didn't start the meeting until everyone arrived.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) Only when everyone arrived they started the meeting.
B) Only when did everyone arrive they started the meeting.
C) Only when everyone arrived did they start the meeting.
D) Only after did everyone arrive they started the meeting.
5. We rarely see snow in this city.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) Rarely we see snow in this city.
B) Rarely do we see snow in this city.
C) Rarely had we seen snow in this city.
D) Rarely does we see snow in this city.
6. He didn't notice the mistake until he checked his work again.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) Only when he checked his work again did he notice the mistake.
B) Only when he checked his work again he noticed the mistake.
C) Only after he noticed the mistake he checked his work again.
D) Only after did he check his work again he noticed the mistake.
7. I had hardly sat down when the bell rang.
– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:
A) Hardly had I sat down when the bell rang.
B) Hardly I sat down when the bell rang.
C) Hardly had I sat down than the bell rang.
D) Hardly had sat down I when the bell rang.

8. I have never tasted such delicious food.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Never before I tasted such delicious food.
- B) Never before had I tasted such delicious food.
- C) Never before I had tasted such delicious food.
- D) Never had before I tasted such delicious food.

9. He not only plays the piano but also sings beautifully.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Not only he plays the piano but he sings beautifully.
- B) Not only did he play the piano but also he sings beautifully.
- C) Not only does he play the piano but he also sings beautifully.
- D) Not only he does play the piano but also he sings beautifully.

10. I seldom watch TV during the week.

– The sentence that has the same meaning as the one above is:

- A) Seldom do I watch TV during the week.
- B) Seldom I watch TV during the week.
- C) Seldom I do watch TV during the week.
- D) Seldom watching TV do I during the week.

Part 2 – Cleft Sentences

11. She lent me the book yesterday.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was yesterday that she lent me the book.
- B) It was she lent me the book yesterday.
- C) What lent me the book was she yesterday.
- D) It was the book she lent me yesterday that.

12. I spoke to the principal after the meeting.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) What I spoke to was the principal after the meeting.
- B) It was after the meeting that I spoke to the principal.
- C) It was I who spoke to the principal that after the meeting.
- D) It was the meeting I spoke to the principal after that.

13. We chose this restaurant because of its view.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was because of its view that we chose this restaurant.
- B) Because of its view it was that we chose this restaurant.
- C) It was the restaurant we chose because of its view.
- D) What we chose because of its view it was the restaurant.

14. Jack fixed the car for his father.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was his father that Jack fixed the car for.
- B) It was Jack who fixed the car for his father.
- C) What Jack fixed for his father was the car.
- D) It was the car that for his father Jack fixed.

15. You impressed me with your kindness.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was with your kindness that you impressed me.
- B) What impressed me was with your kindness.
- C) It was you impressed me with your kindness that.
- D) What was impressed me was your kindness.

16. I don't like is people who complain all the time.

– The correct form is:

- A) What I don't like is people who complain all the time.
- B) It are people who complain all the time I don't like.
- C) What I don't like are people who complain all the time.
- D) People who complain all the time it is I don't like.

17. My mother bought me this jacket.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was my mother who bought me this jacket.
- B) It was me who bought this jacket my mother.
- C) What my mother bought me was this jacket.
- D) My mother it was bought me this jacket.

18. I can't forget the moment when I won the prize.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) What I can't forget is the moment when I won the prize.
- B) It was the prize that I won the moment I can't forget.
- C) It was when I won the prize I can't forget the moment.
- D) The thing I can't forget was I won the prize that moment.

19. They built this bridge in 1990.

– The cleft form of this sentence is:

- A) It was in 1990 that they built this bridge.
- B) It was they built this bridge in 1990.
- C) What they built was this bridge in 1990 that.
- D) It was this bridge that built they in 1990.

20. She made me laugh with her jokes.
– The cleft form of this sentence is:
A) It was her jokes that made me laugh.
B) What made me laugh her jokes it was.
C) It were her jokes what made me laugh.
D) Her jokes were it that made me laugh.

Answers: Section (A)

Part 1 – Inversion

1. C 2) A 3) B 4) A 5) A 6) B 7) C 8) B 9) C 10) B

Part 2 – Cleft Sentences

- 11) A 12) B 13) C 14) B 15) A 16) C 17) A 18) B 19) A 20) A

Answers: Section (B)

- 1) C 2) B 3) A 4) C 5) B 6) A 7) A 8) B 9) C 10) A
11) A 12) B 13) A 14) B 15) A 16) A 17) A 18) A 19) A 20) A