Advanced Inverted Conditionals: Should, Were, and Had

Hard | C1 | Advanced | Complex sentence | Conditional sentence | Imperative mood | Infinitive | Inversion | Modal verb | Negation | Subjunctive mood | Verb mood | Verb tense | Perfect tense | Word order

1. A supervillain is explaining their intricate (but inevitably flawed) master plan to a captured hero. Select ALL the sentences that correctly complete the villain's dramatic monologue.

Select ALL that apply:

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A) Were the laser to malfunction, I would simply unleash the piranhas.
B) Were it not for your meddling sidekick, my plan would be flawless.
C) Were the laser malfunction, I would simply unleash the piranhas.
D) Was it not for your meddling sidekick, my plan would be flawless.

2. Help the spaceship captain complete the official incident report after a ridiculous crew error.

_____ the self-destruct button for the espresso machine, we _____ floating in the cold vacuum of space right now.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) Had not the rookie mistaken
B) Were the rookie not to mistake
C) Had the rookie not mistaken

Blank 2

A) would not be
B) will not be
C) had not been

3. Help the panicked time-traveler complete his incident report! Select ALL the grammatically correct reflections on his unfortunate encounter with a dinosaur.

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A) Had I not sneezed, the T-Rex wouldn't be chasing us right now.
B) Had it not been for my sudden sneeze, the T-Rex wouldn't have noticed us.
C) Had not I sneezed, the T-Rex wouldn't be chasing us right now.
D) Were I not to sneeze, the T-Rex wouldn't have noticed us.

4. Help the detective finalize his dramatic report. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

_____ the suspiciously loud sneeze from the ventilation shaft, the jewel thieves would have escaped completely unnoticed.

Select one.

A) Had it not been for
B) Were it not for
C) Had not it been for
D) If it would not have been for

5. A slightly unhinged magical bakery needs to print warning labels for their new "Cursed Croissants." Choose ALL the grammatically valid warnings that could be printed on the back of the packaging.

Select ALL that apply:

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- **A)** Should you experience spontaneous levitation, please contact customer service immediately.
- **B)** Should the pastry begin to sing, do not attempt to harmonize with it.
- **C)** Should you to experience spontaneous levitation, please contact customer service immediately.
- **D)** Should the pastry begins to sing, do not attempt to harmonize with it.

6. Read the disastrous update from a company's social media manager. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

_____ that the livestream microphone was still on, the CEO would not be facing such a colossal PR nightmare today.

Select one.

- **A)** Had he realized
- **B)** Were he to realize
- **C)** Did he realize
- **D)** Should he have realized

7. Choose the correct formal phrasing to complete the warning label on a bottle of heavily discounted, slightly suspicious magic potion.

_____ a sudden urge to bark at the moon, please drink a glass of milk immediately. Furthermore, _____ your hair neon green, the manufacturer would not be held liable.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Should you experience
- **B)** Were you to experience
- **C)** Had you experienced

Blank 2

- **A)** Should the potion turn
- **B)** Had the potion turned
- **C)** Were the potion to turn

8. Help the chief inspector piece together the official report of the notorious diamond heist by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

The inspector noted in her report that _____ the sudden, unexplained power outage, the vault's laser grid would have triggered immediately.

She also added a bitter footnote stating that _____ the "janitor" was actually a master of disguise, they would still be happily employed today.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** were it not for
- **B)** had it not been for
- **C)** should it not be for

Blank 2

- **A)** had the guards realized
- **B)** were the guards to realize
- **C)** should the guards realize

9. Complete the time traveler's warning manual. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

Select one.

- **A)** Were you to encounter your past self, the universe might implode.
- **B)** Were you encounter your past self, the universe might implode.
- **C)** Did you to encounter your past self, the universe might implode.
- **D)** Should you encountered your past self, the universe might implode.