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The Subjunctive in That-Clauses

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1. You are deciphering a very picky wizard's potion manual. Select ALL the grammatically correct options to complete the warning.

For the invisibility spell to work without exploding, it is crucial that the dragon _____ before you add the crushed moonflower.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** be sleeping
- **B)** not awaken
- **C)** should be sleeping
- **D)** does not awaken
- **E)** to sleep

2. Complete the royal advisor's official decrees for King Reginald's upcoming banquet.

His Majesty insists that every guest _____ a spectacularly silly hat during the feast, regardless of their noble rank. It is also my strong recommendation that the court jester _____ given a raise, lest we face another tragic pie-throwing incident.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** wears
- **B)** wear
- **C)** wore
- **D)** wearing

Blank 2

- **A)** is
- **B)** be
- **C)** was
- **D)** to be

3. Help the exhausted stage manager complete the diva's list of outrageous demands by choosing the correct verb form for each gap.

The opera star insisted that her dressing room _____ completely black before her arrival.

She also demanded that the director _____ to her directly during rehearsals.

Finally, it is crucial that a bowl of green M&Ms _____ on her vanity table at all times.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is painted
- **B)** was painted
- **C)** be painted

Blank 2

- **A)** doesn't speak
- **B)** not to speak
- **C)** not speak

Blank 3

- **A)** waits
- **B)** is waiting
- **C)** wait

4. Help the frantic lawyer read the eccentric billionaire's will. Select ALL the options that grammatically complete the sentence using formal standard English.

The late Mr. Moneybags explicitly demands that his pet iguana, Mr. Scales, _____ alone in the mansion under any circumstances.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** not be left
- **B)** should not be left
- **C)** not to be left
- **D)** doesn't be left
- **E)** be not left

5. Help Dr. Von Quark finalize the safety protocols for his new time machine by choosing the correct verb form for each gap.

It is imperative that the temporal capacitor _____ completely submerged in pickle juice.

I strongly recommend that my assistant, Igor, _____ wearing his lead underwear when the countdown begins.

Furthermore, I dictate that the dimensional portal _____ until after lunch.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** remains
- **B)** is remaining
- **C)** remain

Blank 2

- **A)** is
- **B)** will be
- **C)** be

Blank 3

- **A)** is not opened
- **B)** does not open
- **C)** not be opened

6. Complete the starship captain's urgent log entry with the grammatically correct phrase.

"It is imperative that the hyperdrive _____ offline immediately, lest the space-llamas notice our energy signature."

Select one.

- **A)** is taken
- **B)** be taken
- **C)** to be taken
- **D)** will be taken

7. Help the police chief finish her official report. Select ALL the phrases that grammatically complete the mandate using the strict formal **subjunctive mood**.

The Chief Inspector mandated that the prime suspect _____.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** be released immediately
- **B)** surrender his passport
- **C)** not leave the city limits
- **D)** surrenders his passport
- **E)** to be kept in holding

8. Choose the correct word to complete the eccentric billionaire's last will and testament.

"I stipulate that my beloved pet penguin, Sir Waddles, _____ fed only the finest imported caviar every morning."

Select one.

- **A)** is
- **B)** be
- **C)** will be
- **D)** to be

9. Help the Chief Engineer complete the emergency protocol log by selecting the exact wording required by Starfleet regulations.

It is absolutely crucial that the hyperdrive _____ deactivated immediately to prevent a core meltdown. Furthermore, the Captain demands that Commander Zog _____ the big, blinking red button ever again.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is
- **B)** was
- **C)** be
- **D)** being

Blank 2

- **A)** does not press
- **B)** not to press
- **C)** not press
- **D)** not presses

10. Help Chef Linguini finish his dramatic kitchen rules by selecting the correct verb form.

"I absolutely insist that the new sous-chef _____ the garlic before the vampires arrive!"

Select one.

- **A)** does not burn
- **B)** not burn
- **C)** not to burn
- **D)** is not burning