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Condition Clauses: If, Unless, and Provided That

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Clause | Complex sentence | Conditional sentence | Conjunction | Future tense | Negation

1. Help the chief engineer complete the warning label on the space station's new espresso machine.

The zero-gravity espresso machine will overheat and spray hot foam everywhere _____ you remember to engage the magnetic cup holder.

Select one.

A) unless
B) if
C) provided that
D) as long as

2. Read the witch's instructions for her apprentice and select the best word to complete each warning about the levitating cake.

The cake will rise beautifully _____ you stir the batter exactly seven times counter-clockwise. Be careful, though! The mixture will explode into a cloud of purple smoke _____ you add the crushed dragon scales too early. Keep the oven door firmly shut _____ you want the cake to escape and fly around the kitchen!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) provided that
B) unless
C) even if

Blank 2
A) if
B) unless
C) provided that

Blank 3
A) unless
B) if
C) provided that

3. Help the spaceship's AI complete its critical safety report for the captain by choosing the correct condition clause for each blank.

Warning: The main engines will overheat _____ we maintain this excessive velocity for another hour.

Life support systems will remain completely stable _____ the external solar panels continue to receive direct starlight.

We must not open the outer airlock _____ all crew members are safely secured in their pressure suits.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) unless
B) although
C) if

Blank 2
A) unless
B) whereas
C) provided that

Blank 3
A) if
B) whether
C) unless

4. Complete the landlord's slightly unusual text message to his new tenant.

You are welcome to keep your pet llama in the apartment, _____ he doesn't practice his tap-dancing routines after 10 PM.

Select one.

- **A)** unless
- **B)** provided that
- **C)** even if
- **D)** whether

5. Help the secret agent understand her mission parameters by choosing the correct condition clause for each gap.

Agent, listen carefully. The vault's alarm will sound _____ you enter the correct passcode within ten seconds of opening the door. You may use the eastern ventilation shaft to escape, _____ you don't mind dodging the laser grid inside it. Finally, _____ you encounter the villain's guard dog, simply offer it a dog treat and walk away slowly.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** unless
- **B)** if
- **C)** provided that

Blank 2

- **A)** provided that
- **B)** unless
- **C)** even if

Blank 3

- **A)** if
- **B)** Unless
- **C)** Provided that

6. Help the dramatic film director give instructions to the crew about the actor playing a zombie. Select ALL the sentences that correctly express his strict condition.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The zombie will break character unless you give him a prop brain.
- **B)** The zombie will break character if you do not give him a prop brain.
- **C)** The zombie will break character provided that you give him a prop brain.
- **D)** The zombie will break character unless you don't give him a prop brain.

7. Review the eccentric professor's syllabus and select the correct condition word for each rule.

Welcome to Advanced Philosophy! You will pass this course _____ you submit all your assignments on time and participate in our debates. However, I will not accept late work _____ it is accompanied by a doctor's note or a very persuasive handwritten apology.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** provided that
- **B)** unless
- **C)** even if

Blank 2

- **A)** unless
- **B)** if
- **C)** provided that

8. Help the veteran time traveler explain the golden rule of the time machine to the rookie: *Whatever you do, do not touch the red button!*

Select ALL the sentences that correctly state this warning.

Select all that apply.

A) If you press the red button, the timeline will collapse.
B) The timeline will collapse unless you keep your hands off the red button.
C) Provided that you press the red button, the timeline will remain perfectly stable.
D) Unless you press the red button, the timeline will collapse.

9. Complete the freelance graphic designer's email to a new client by choosing the correct condition word for each blank.

I will begin working on the initial sketches _____ the 50% upfront deposit has been paid.

Please note that I cannot release the final high-resolution files _____ the final invoice is fully settled.

We can schedule a quick revision call next week _____ you feel the design needs further changes.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) unless
B) despite
C) provided that

Blank 2

A) if
B) whether
C) unless

Blank 3

A) unless
B) before
C) if

10. Complete the protective roommate's strict contract for borrowing the vintage espresso machine. Select ALL the options that logically and grammatically complete the sentence.

You can borrow the espresso machine _____ after use.

Select all that apply.

A) provided that you clean it immediately
B) if you clean it immediately
C) unless you clean it immediately
D) if you don't clean it immediately

11. Help the strict professor complete the syllabus rules for the semester by choosing the correct word for each blank.

You will automatically fail the final assignment _____ you submit it before midnight on Friday.

You may request a deadline extension _____ you email me at least three days in advance.

I will deduct ten points _____ your essay exceeds the maximum word count.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** provided that
- **B)** because
- **C)** unless

Blank 2

- **A)** unless
- **B)** although
- **C)** provided that

Blank 3

- **A)** unless
- **B)** even
- **C)** if

12. Choose the correct word to complete the frantic time traveler's warning.

_____ you touch anything in the year 1920, you might accidentally erase the invention of sliced bread!

Select one.

- **A)** If
- **B)** Unless
- **C)** Provided that
- **D)** As long as