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1. Inversions with negative Adverbs:

Never

Never before

Never in one's life

Never again

Rarely

Seldom

Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

Little

Hardly ever

Barely

Scarcely ever

Neither

Nor

Eg. - Never in mid-summer does it snow.

- Rarely do they

- Hardly ever does he speak in the public

- Nor do I

2. Inversions with NO và NOT

No+ N + auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

Not any+ N+ auxiliary+ S+ verb(Inf)

Eg: No money shall I lend you from now on

= Not any money shall I lend you from now on

3. Inversions with ONLY

- Only with

Only once

only in this way

Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

only in, on, at + N

only then

only later

Eg: *Only once **did I meet her***

- only after

only when + S +BE/V, Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

only if

Eg. Only after he had graduated, **did he start** looking for a job.

Only after all guests had gone home, **could we relax**

- Only by + Ving, Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

Eg. *Only by practising E every day, **can you speak** it fluently*

4. Inversions with some phrases

At no time

On no condition

On no occasion

On no account

Under/ in no circumstances

For no reason

+ Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

In no way

No longer

In Vain.

Not for one moment.

Eg. For no reason **will you play** traunt
The money is not to be paid under any circumstances
= Under no circumstances **is the money** to be paid
On no condition shall we accept their proposal

5. No sooner..... than.....

Hardly/ Barely/ Scarcely..... When/ before

Eg. No sooner had I arrived home than the telephone rang
Hardly had she put up her umbrella before the rain began to pour

6. Not only..... but..... also.....

Not only + auxiliary + S + V, but.... also.....
but S+ v/be as well.
.....too

Eg. Not only is he good at English but he also draws very well
Not only does he sing well but he also plays musical instruments perfectly
Not only do they rob you, they smash everything too

7. Inversions after “SO”

+So+ adj/ adv + auxiliary + S+V+ that clause

Eg. So dark is it that I can't write
So busy am I that I don't have time to look after myself
So difficult was the exam that few students pass it
So attractive is she that many boys run after her

+ so little
So few
So much + Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)
So many
So + Adj

Eg. So much beer did he drink that he didn't know the way to home

8. Inversion with “such”

SUCH + be+ N+ clause

Eg. Such was the force of the storm that all the trees were uprooted

9. Inversions after As, Than

- S + V/BE +, As + Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

Eg. I am very worried about bullying in the school, as are a lot of the parents.

- S + V/BE + the comparative than + Auxiliary+S+Verb(Inf)

Eg. The police in this area make more arrests than do officers in other parts of the country.

10. Inversions with : not until, adverbs of time

Not until/ till+ clause/ adv of time, }
Not since } + auxiliary+ S+ V(Inf)

I won't come home till 10 o'clock
=Not until/ till o'clock that I will come home
= It is not until 10 o'clock that I will come
I didn't know that I had lost my key till I got home
= Not until/ till I got home did I know that I had lost my key

11. Inversions with No where+ Auxiliary+ S+V

Eg. No where in Vietnam is the scenery as beautiful as that in my country
No where do I feel as comfortable as I do at home
No where can you buy the goods as good as those in my country

12. Inversions with “here and there”

- Here } + Be/ Main V +N
There }

Eg. Here comes the bus.

Here are the answers,

There goes the bus.

BUT

Here he comes

There they arrive

****There are some idiomatic expressions with here and there**

Here } you are = This is for you.

There }

Here are you.

Here we are.

There you are.

13. Inversions with Adverb, adverb phrases of place

- Adverb, adverb phrases of place + MainV + N

Eg:

Near the end of September **came** several bad storms

In the door **stood** her father

In the cave **were found** skulls of prehistoric men

At the head of our village **stands** an old pagoda

14. Inversions with prepositions

Down

in

from

over

up

away ...

+ Verbs of motion + S

Eg. Away went the runner

Note

Away they went

15. Inversions with conditional sentences

a, Type 1: If clause = should+S+V

Eg. Should she come late she wil miss the train

should he lend me some money I will buy that house,

b, Type 2: If clause= Were S +to V

Were+S +.....

If I were you I would work harder

=Were I you.....

If I knew her I would invite her to the party

= Were I to know her.....

C, Type 3: If clause = Had+S+PII

If my parents hadn't encouraged me, I would have taken pass exam

= Had my parents not encouraged me....

16. Inversions with Adjectives and past participle

Eg. Gone were the memorable days

17. Inversions with Adverb of Order (first, second)

Eg. First **came** the ambulance

PRACTICE

Choose the best answer

1. Only when he started working with her, _____ that she was intelligent.
A he had realized B did he realize C he did realized D he realized
2. _____ worked outside the home as nowadays.
A Never so many women have
B Never have so many women
C The women are not never
D The women who have never
3. No longer _____ any pleasure to do this job.
A I do have B do I have C do have I D I have
4. John stops smoking.
A John does not smoke no longer
B John smokes any longer
C No longer does John smoke
D Any longer John smokes
5. Only when you grow up _____ the truth.
A you will know B will you know C you know D do you know
6. No sooner had he arrived home _____ he was called out again.
A when B and C than D but
7. _____ had the restaurant opened _____ people were flocking to eat there.
A Hardly... than B No sooner.. that C No sooner.. than D hardly.. that
8. Down _____ for three days.
A the rain poured B did the rain pour C poured the rain D do the rain pour
9. Out _____ when the bell rang.
A did the children run B ran the children C run the children D do the children run
10. Such _____ that he would stop at nothing.
A his ambition was B did his ambition C does his ambition D was his ambition
11. Only once _____ late to school.
A he came B did he came C came he D did he come
12. He no longer collects stamps as he used to. No longer _____
A he collects stamps as he used to
B does he collects stamps as he used to
C does he collect stamps as he used to
D doesn't he collect stamps as he used to it.
13. _____, all the matter is formed of molecules.
A It doesn't matter if the complex
B It's not a complex matter
C No matter how complex it is
D How complex is not a matter
14. No more _____ to worry about the future sources of energy.
A don't we have B we don't have C do we have D we do have
15. Hardly _____ asleep when the phone woke him up again.
A had the doctor fallen B did the doctor fall C the doctor fell D the doctor has fallen
16. Not until darkness fell _____ he hadn't done half of his work.
A that he realized B did he realize C that he didn't realize D didn't he realize
17. Seldom _____ of Nancy Johnson as coloured.
A her classmates thought
B thought her classmates
C her classmates did think
D did her school classmates think

18. On the hill _____ a big pine tree.
 A stands B stand C. does D. standing
19. Not once _____ into her eyes.
 A he looked B does he looks C. did he look D. he was looking
20. Not until next year _____ take place.
 A the new tax change will
 B will the new tax change
 C. the new tax changes
 D. they change the new tax
21. Not until a monkey is several years old to exhibit signs of independence from its mother.
 A. it begins B. does it begin C. and begin D. is it begin
22. did Jerome accept the job.
 A. Only because it was interesting work.
 B. Because it was an interesting work.
 B. Only because it was interested work.
 D. The work was interesting.
- 23..... great was the destruction that the south took decades to recovered.
 A. Very B. too C. Such D. So
- 24..... when the Charges found themselves 7-0 down.
 A. Hardly had the games begun
 B. Hardly the games had begun
 C. The games had hardly begun
 D. Hardly had begun the games
25. Not until the fist land plants developed.....
 A. land animals appeared
 B. did land animals appear
 C. would land animals appear
 D. the land animals appeared
26. Not until it was too late I call Susan.
 A. I remembered B. did I remember C. did I remembered D. I did remember
27. Never beforesuch a wonderful child.
 A. I have seen B. I had seen C. I saw D. have I seen
28. Hardly had we settle down in our seats the lights went out.
 A. than B. when C. then D. after
29. Only after checking three times.....certain of the answer. Jim promised that never would he tell anyone else.
 A. I was B. was I C. were I D. I were
30. Only when he is here,
 A. he speaks English
 B. does he speak English
 C. he can speak English
 D. he does speak English
31. Never _____ me again.
 A. will she love B. she loves C. she won't love D. she will love
32. Not only _____ but she is also intelligent.
 A. she is beautiful B. beautiful she is C. is she beautiful D. beautiful is she
33. No sooner _____ out than it rained.
 A. did I go B. I went C. had I gone D. I had gone
34. Seldom _____ the guitar.
 A. he plays B. does he play C. he doesn't play D. he does play
35. Hardly _____ a word when her son came back.

- A. couldn't she say B. she could say C. she couldn't say D. could she say
36. Often _____ a meeting.
A. do we have B. we do have C. have we D. we have
37. Many a time _____ he wants to marry me.
A. said he B. he said C. has he said D. he has said
38. Only at weekend _____ my kids to Water Park.
A. I don't take B. do I take C. I take D. I do take
39. So old _____ that she couldn't dance.
A. she wasn't B. she was C. wasn't she D. was she
40. _____ here yesterday, you would have met me.
A. Were you B. You were C. Had you been D. You had been
41. On the battle field _____.
A. the tanks did lie B. the tanks lay C. did the tanks lie D. lay the tanks
42. Nowhere _____ such cooperative staff.
A. you can find B. you found C. you could find D. can you find
43. Never before _____ in an earnest attempt to resolve their differences.
A. have the leaders of these two countries met
B. the leaders of these two countries have meet
C. have the leaders of these two countries meet
D. met the leaders of these two countries
44. Only by studying hard _____ this exam.
A. can you pass B. you can pass C. pass you can D. can pass you
45. Seldom _____ a newspaper.
A. buy Anna B. does Anna buy C. bought Anna D. Anna does buy
46. Out _____ from its tiny cage.
A. does the bird fly B. fly the bird C. did the bird fly D. flew the bird
47. It was a victory that even Smith's fans couldn't believe it.
A. such surprising B. too surprising C. so surprising D. surprising enough
48. Such _____ that we all felt numb.
A. a cold weather was B. was a cold weather C. cold the weather D. was cold weather
49. _____ that he felt he didn't need to revise any more.
A. So confident was that arrogant student of passing
B. Such was the confidence of that arrogant student on passing.
C. So confident in passing was that arrogant student.
D. Such confidence in passing did that arrogant student have.
50. Not until himself seriously ill.
A. he had completed the task did he find.
B. had he completed the task did he find.
C. had he completed the task he found.
D. did he completed the task he had found.
51. No longer to do all her housework with her husband because our family now owns some new labour-saving devices.
A. my mother has B. has my mother C. does my mother has D. does my mother have
52.the story he read last night.
A. interesting is B. is interesting. C. were interesting. D. interesting were.
53. Rarely out after 9. 00.
A. does my sister go B. did my sister go C. my sister goes D. my sister does go
54. She had only just put the telephone down when the boss rang.
A. She put the telephone down and the boss rang.
B. Hardly had she put the telephone down when the boss rang.

- C. The boss rang back, but she put the telephone down.
 D. She had put the telephone down, so she let it ring when the boss rang.
55. No sooner than the boss came in.
 A. he had left B. had he left C. he was leaving D. was he leaving
56. Not only to take the medicine, but he also hit the nurse.
 A. he refused B. does he refuse C. he was refused D. did he refuse
57. As soon as he waved his hand, she turned away.
 A. He saw her turn away and he waved his hand.
 B. He waved his hand and at once she turned away.
 C. She turned away because he waved his hand.
 D. No sooner had he waved his hand than she turned away.
58. Here
 A. he come B. does he come C. comes the bus D. the bus comes
59. No longer them to go to the music club.
 A. their parents allow
 B. does their parents allow
 C. do their parents allow
 D. has their parents allow
60. Second
 A. came the bus B. did the bus come C. come the bus D. does the bus come
61. So surprised at the news that he couldn't say anything.
 A. did he become B. he became C. does he become D. did he became
62. Not only shade and beauty, but they also reduce carbon dioxide.
 A. trees provide B. provide trees C. do trees provide D. trees do provide
63. Under no circumstances in his story
 A. do we believe B. we do believe C. we believe D. we believed
64. For no reason a lie to her.
 A. had I tell B. that I told C. did I tell D. I did tell
65. Only by booking in advance stay ion the room you like.
 A. can you B. you can C. you will D. you
66. In no time know the result of the recognition.
 A. the public will B. will the public C. the public D. does the public
67. in medicine relieve distress but they also prevent and cure illness.
 A. Do computers B. computers C. Computers not only D. Not only do computers
68. reptiles hunt at temperatures of 12⁰C or below.
 A. Seldom do B. Do seldom C. Do D. Seldom
69. continental crust older than 200 million years.
 A. It is nowhere the B. Nowhere is the C. Is nowhere the D. Is the nowhere
70. Not only in the field of psychology but animal behavior is examined as well.
 A. human behavior is studied
 B. is human behavior studied
 C. is studied human behavior
 D. human behavior
71. We didn't have them repaired.
 A. Nor we know who did it
 B. Nor we had idea who did it
 C. Nor did we know who did it
 D. We do not know who did it, either
72. Everyone started complaining the moment the announcement was made.
 A. No sooner did everyone start complaining than the announcement was made.
 B. As soon as the announcement made, everyone started complaining.

- C. No sooner had the announcement been made than everyone started complaining.
D. Everyone started complaining that the announcement was made.
73. The worker only called off the strike after a new pay offer.
A. Not until a new pay was offered, the workers called off the strike.
B. The worker called off the strike only when a new pay offer.
C. A new pay was offered, which made the strike call off.
D. Not until a new pay was offered did the workers call off the strike.
74. My uncle didn't recognize me until I spoke.
A. My uncle recognized me not until I spoke
B. Not until I spoke did my uncle not recognize me.
C. Not until I spoke did my uncle recognize me.
D. Only when my uncle recognized me did I speak.
75. As soon as he arrived at the airport, he called home.
A. He arrived at the airport sooner than he had expected.
B. No sooner had he arrived at the airport than he called home.
C. Calling home, he said that he had arrived at the airport.
D. He arrived at the airport and called me to take him home.
76. Helen wrote a novel and made a cowboy film.
A. Helen wrote not only a novel but also made a cowboy film.
B. Helen both wrote a novel as well as made a cowboy film.
C. Helen either wrote a novel or made a cowboy film.
D. Not only did Helen write a novel but she also made a cowboy film.
77. Not until I met Jack did I get some news about you.
A. I didn't get any news about you until I met Jack.
B. Jack shouldn't have told me news about you.
C. Until I met Jack I got some news about you.
D. As soon as I got news about you, I met Jack.
78. It is rare that my sister goes to the cinema.
A. My sister is rare of going to the cinema.
B. Rarely does my sister go to the cinema.
C. That my sister goes to the cinema rarely.
D. Going to the cinema is rare to my sister.
79. Soon after they sold their house, they were offered a better price for it.
A. No sooner they sold their house were they offered a better price for it.
B. They were offered a better price for their house, and they sold it.
C. They had no sooner sold their house than they were offered a better price for it.
D. No sooner had they sold their house and they were offered a better price for it.
80. It was only when I left home that I realized the meaning of "family".
A. I realized the meaning of "family" before I left home.
B. Only when I left home I realized the meaning of "family".
C. Not until I left home did I realize the meaning of "family".
D. I didn't leave home until I realized the meaning of "family".