Inversion/Emphatic Structures.

I. Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. We can get into house only if you have a key.
   Only if you have a key can we get into the house.

2. If the weather gets any colder, we’ll turn on the heating.
   Should the weather get any colder, we’ll turn on the heating.

3. He had just entered when the telephone rang.
   No sooner had he entered than the telephone rang.

4. He visits us so rarely that I can hardly remember what he looks like.
   So rarely do I visit him that I can hardly remember what he looks like.

5. Mark works so hard that I’m sure he’ll be promoted soon.
   So hard does he work that I’m sure he’ll be promoted soon.

6. If you had been there, you would have enjoyed it.
   Had you been there, you would have enjoyed it.

7. He spoke to me only after I spoke to him.
   Only after I spoke to him did he speak to me.

8. Janet won’t get on a plane under any circumstances.
   Under no circumstances will she get on a plane.

9. I realized who she was only after a few minutes.
   Only after a few minutes did I realize who she was.

10. She didn’t know that her wish would come true.
    Little did she know that her wish would come true.

11. He didn’t laugh once all evening.
    Not once did he laugh all evening.

12. They scarcely talk to each other any more.
    Scarcely do they talk to each other any more.

13. This restaurant rarely gets other any more.
    Seldom does this restaurant get so crowded.

14. If he had left earlier, he would have been on time.
    Had he left earlier, he would have been on time.

15. She was so happy that she decided to celebrate.
    So happy was she that she decided to celebrate.

16. This is the only way that we can be sure we are right.
    Only in this way can we be sure that we are right.

17. If he notices anything, we’ll be in trouble.
    Should he notice anything, we’ll be in trouble.

18. Sarah forgot to take her purse and her handbag too.
    Did Sarah didn’t remember to take her purse; to take her handbag.
19. He was so scared that he could hardly breathe.
   Such ……………………………………………………………………he could hardly breath.

20. She performed so well that she won an Oscar.
   So ……………………………………………………………………that she won an Oscar.

21. Thailand is warmer and cheaper than England.
   Not …………………………………………………………than England, it’s cheaper too.

22. If I were you, I would try calling her again.
   Were …………………………………………………………calling her again.

23. The weather hasn’t been this warm since last summer.
   Not since last summer ……………………………………………this warm.

24. You must not miss the plane on any account.
   On ………………………………………………………………………………the plane.

II. Rewrite the sentences using “so” or “such” at the beginning of the sentence.

1. The weather was so bad that they stayed at home. So bad was the weather that they stayed at home.
2. The house was so big that he almost got lost. So …………………………………………………………………….
3. He was so surprised to see her he could hardly speak. Such ………………………………………………….
4. She was so bored by the play that she fell asleep. So …………………………………………………………….
5. He was so angry that he shouted at everyone. Such ……………………………………………………………….

III. Fill in “so”, “neither/nor”, and the appropriate verb.

1. “I’d like to go to Belgium one day.”
   “So would I. I’ve never been there.”
2. “I really enjoyed that film last night.”
   “ ………………………………………… . It’s one of the best I’ve ever seen.”
3. I’ve used up all my money.
   “ ………………………………………… . My purse is empty.”
4. “We didn’t like the food they served yesterday.”
   “ ………………………………………… . It was overcooked.”
5. “I feel like going to the beach today.”
   “ ………………………………………… . Let’s go!”
6. “I can’t remember how to make soufflé.”
   “ ………………………………………… . Let’s look in the recipe book.”
7. “I don’t believe he’s telling the truth.”
   “ ………………………………………… . The facts don’t add up.”

IV. Rewrite the sentences as in the example giving emphasis to the words in bold.

1. Mary sent this card. [It was Mary who sent this card.]
2. Judy baked the cake. …………………………………………………
3. Did you lock the front door. …………………………………………. 
4. You need a long rest. ..............................................
5. Johnny needs a new pair of shoes. ..............................
6. Mary came round last night. ......................................
7. Where did you go on holiday last year? ......................
8. Why are you always biting your nails? .......................  
9. It doesn’t matter what he does, he always makes mistakes. .................................................................
10. He bought a new ring for her. ....................................
11. Are you angry with Jim? ........................................
12. Mr. Brown called the police. ....................................

V. Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. You haven’t paid last month’s phone bill.
   that
   It is [you that/who hasn’t] paid last month’s phone bill.
2. Mr. Jones is the manager of the supermarket.
   is
   It .................................................. the manager of the supermarket.
3. Did you go to the Caribbean for Christmas?
   you
   Was ................................................ the Caribbean for Christmas?
4. The bus driver himself doesn’t want to let any more passengers on board.
   who
   It ................................................. doesn’t want to let any more passengers on board.
5. Julie doesn’t want to invite Malcolm to her party.
   is
   It ................................................. doesn’t want to invite to her party.
6. My father didn’t let me go out last night.
   who
   It ................................................. didn’t let me go out last night.
7. Mum, you promised to buy me a new pair of jeans.
   did
   Mum, ............................................ buy me a new pair of jeans.
8. She said that she might be late for dinner.
   say
   She .............................................. might be late for dinner.
9. You were the one who wanted to come here.
   was
   It ................................................. to come here.
10. Did he fail his driving test?
    failed
Was ………………………………………… his driving test?

VI. Find the word which should not be in the sentence.

1. Only when did he turned around was he able to see properly.  
2. It was only last week who that they got married.  
3. Please, do you help yourself to another piece.  
4. I can’t drive and neither does can my mother.  
5. So long was the journey that I did fell asleep.  
6. Not once did she to regret having come.  
7. Why is it that she does always looks unhappy?  
8. What he needs it is a long holiday.  
9. It was Claire who she left work early yesterday.  
10. Whoever disagrees should they raise their hand.  
11. So much hard was the exam that everyone failed.  
12. Mark likes sailing and so too do I.  
13. Little did she not know that James would be there.  
14. If you talk in class, you will to be punished.  
15. Were I be you, I’d apologise.  
16. No sooner had he left than that the bomb exploded.  
17. Only by he studying will John be successful.  
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