Chapter 13: Conditionals

TRUE/FALSE

The second sentence accurately describes information in the first sentence. Mark T or F.

1. If Jane hadn't stayed up late, she wouldn't be so tired.
   Jane stayed up late and she is tired now.

2. If Soo Jin were on the chess team, we might win some games.
   Soo Jin is on the chess team, but the team is still losing.

3. If she'd put her money in a safe investment, she wouldn't have gone into debt.
   She put her money in a safe investment but she's in debt anyway.

4. If Victor hadn't bought that sports car, he wouldn't have had that terrible accident.
   Victor bought a sports car and had a terrible accident.

5. If it's snowing in the morning, class will probably be canceled.
   It's going to snow, but classes may still be held.

6. If I couldn't dance, I wouldn't have auditioned for the show.
   I am able to dance and I auditioned for the show.

7. If the power hadn't gone out, Paula would've sent the e-mail.
   Paula didn't send the e-mail because the power went out.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence.

1. If the plane __________ late, we'll meet you at the conference center.
   a. will arrive c. arrives
   b. arrived d. arrive

2. If Tamara __________ well, she would have tried out for the swim team.
   a. could swim c. might have been swimming
   b. was swimming d. swims

3. __________ Gloria does well in Latin class, she might consider taking Spanish or Italian.
   a. When c. If
   b. Whenever d. Only if
4. If you have completed your questionnaires, please ________ them to the end of your row.
   a. pass  
   b. passes  
   c. will pass  
   d. have passed

5. If Yuji has already made plans, he ________ us for the game on Friday.
   a. won't be joining  
   b. doesn't join  
   c. joined  
   d. won't have been joining

6. If people ________, do you think traffic jams would be a thing of the past?
   a. will fly  
   b. could fly  
   c. couldn't fly  
   d. wouldn't fly

7. If I ________ you, I wouldn't take a class that started at 7 a.m.!
   a. am  
   b. was  
   c. were  
   d. will be

8. If you ________ a little more, you might have passed the test.
   a. had studied  
   b. hadn't studied  
   c. didn't study  
   d. have studied

9. If he had knocked on the door, I ________ it.
   a. would've opened  
   b. would open  
   c. will open  
   d. opened

10. Why does Calvin act ________ he is the only person with a perfect grade point average? There are two other students who also have achieved this.
   a. even if  
   b. if  
   c. whenever  
   d. as though

11. Even if she hadn't read the book, she ________ to see the movie.
    a. want  
    b. wants  
    c. will want  
    d. would've wanted

12. Her speech would have been more motivating if she ________ it more.
    a. practices  
    b. is going to practice  
    c. had practiced  
    d. have practiced

13. ________ he hasn't broken any rules, he shouldn't have anything to hide.
    a. Whenever  
    b. As long as  
    c. When  
    d. Unless

14. Only if I am invited personally ________ Vera's party next week.
    a. I will attend  
    b. will I attend  
    c. I have attended  
    d. have I attended
15. ________ he's properly compensated will he accept the contract.
   a. Even if  c. If
   b. Only if  d. Unless

**Choose the correct response to complete each conversation.**

16. A: Terry isn't going to come even if we pay for her ticket home.
    B: ________________________________
       a. Then we should pay for her ticket.
       b. How much is the ticket?
       c. Then there's no point in paying for a ticket.

17. A: We're going to have to cancel the trip unless one more person signs up.
    B: ________________________________
       a. OK. I'll go. I know how much the trip means to you.
       b. That's good news.
       c. I didn't realize you had too many people. Maybe someone won't go.

18. A: As long as the team is doing well, it will continue to receive financial support from the athletic program.
    B: ________________________________
       a. They should help the team unconditionally.
       b. They should support the team now.
       c. The team could've done better, so the athletic program probably won't help.

19. A: ________________________________
    B: Well, she isn't the captain.
       a. Unless she remains captain, we aren't likely to win.
       b. She acts as though she's the captain of the team.
       c. Would you be happy if she weren't captain of the team?

20. A: In general, how are applicants chosen?
    B: ________________________________
       a. If applicants have good scores and grades, they are accepted.
       b. Applicants are accepted unless they have very good scores and grades.
       c. If the applicants had earned better grades and scores, they would've been accepted.

21. A: Can you get some stamps?
    B: Sure. ________________________________ I'll give them to you tonight.
       a. Even if I'm going out, I'll go to the post office.
       b. As long as I'm going out, I'll get them.
       c. If I were going out, I'd get them.

22. A: If we spoke Spanish, we'd be able to communicate with Angela's father.
    B: ________________________________
       a. It's a good thing we speak Spanish well.
       b. I thought Angela's father spoke Spanish.
       c. We should study Spanish.

23. A: If you had read the book, you wouldn't be able to follow this movie.
B: ___________________________________

a. I know. I should've read the book!
b. Even if I'd read the book, the movie would still be confusing.
c. Yes. It's a good thing I didn't read the book!

24. A: If you followed the news, you'd know more about current events.

B: ___________________________________

a. You're right. I follow the news too much.
b. I know. I don't follow the news enough.
c. That's not true. I never watch or read the news.

25. A: If I hadn't studied chemistry, I wouldn't have been able to do so well on the medical school admissions test.

B: ___________________________________

a. So that's why you did well on the tests.
b. Maybe you can do better next time.
c. I'm planning to take that test, so I won't study chemistry either.

Choose the statement that correctly describes the conditional sentence.

26. If you're feeling stressed all the time, you've got to reduce your workload.

a. This is advice. 

b. This is a request.

c. This is a command.

27. Whenever he received a complaint, Alberto used to report it to his manager.

a. This is about one moment in the past.

b. This is about habitual past actions.

c. This is about an unreal situation in the past.

28. If the team played well, everyone was in a good mood.

a. The sentence expresses an unreal situation in the past.

b. The sentence expresses an unreal present situation.

c. The sentence expresses a real situation in the past.

29. It looks as if they are going to hire for that vacancy after all.

a. The sentence expresses an unreal condition in the past.

b. The sentence suggests a condition that appears to be true.

c. The sentence expresses an unreal condition in the future.

30. Providing that you can find coverage, you'll be able to take Thursday off.

a. The sentence emphasizes a single condition that will cause a result.

b. The sentence expresses a timeless situation in the past.

c. The sentence is a future unreal conditional.

COMPLETION

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions when possible.
1. If Shoko ________________ (come) home early, she'll help you with your algebra homework.

2. Unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope, your photos ____________________________ (not / be / return).

3. If you ________________ (try) harder, you probably would've succeeded.

4. If I ________________ (be) President, I'd make education and health care the top priorities.

5. If he'd called sooner, I ____________________ (not / make) plans for dinner.

6. If the electricity ________________ (fail), the back-up generator will come on.

7. If our team ________________ (have) a stronger season, we would have been in the running for a play-off spot. Hopefully, next year will be better.

8. Even if the committee had invited me, I probably ____________________ (not / could / join). I'm very busy.

9. If you ________________ (take) the bus to work every day, you'd save a lot of money every year.

10. If William ________________ (continue) his job with the bank, he would've been promoted to district manager by now.

SHORT ANSWER

Correct the errors in the sentences. Each sentence contains one error.

1. If she'll come to Boston, we'll visit some historic sights.

2. Even if you perform well. You might not win a role in the play.

3. If I was in your position, I'd think twice before dropping that course.
4. You hadn't paid your credit card bill, if the company would've frozen your account.

5. I wasn't in charge when promotions were given. However, if I had been in charge, I would promote Selma to unit manager.

ESSAY

Write an essay using one of these topics.

1. Write two paragraphs about what would have been different in the lives of your friends and family if you hadn't been born. In the first paragraph, describe how your friends' lives might have been different. In the second paragraph, describe how the lives of your parents, sisters, brothers, or other relatives would have been different. Include details about specific events.

2. Think about a situation for which you had two choices and were unsure as to which was the better course of action. Write two paragraphs about the situation and your ultimate choice. In the first paragraph, describe the situation and the action you took. Include details about why you made this decision. In the second paragraph, describe the other option you had as well as the reasons why you didn't choose it. Include details about how things might have been different if you had chosen this option.

3. Consider this issue: Teenagers should be required by law to remain in high school until they graduate. Write two paragraphs that state whether you agree or disagree with this statement, and persuade the reader to agree with you. In the first paragraph, describe your opinion. Include examples to support it, including the effects of such a law on teenagers, community resources, the regional work force, and the economy. In the second paragraph, consider the opposing opinion and describe its drawbacks or shortcomings.
Chapter 13: Answer Key

TRUE/FALSE

1. T  
2. F  
3. F  
4. T  
5. F  
6. T  
7. T

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. C  
2. A  
3. C  
4. A  
5. A  
6. B  
7. C  
8. A  
9. A  
10. D  
11. D  
12. C  
13. B  
14. B  
15. B  
16. C  
17. A  
18. A  
19. B  
20. A  
21. B  
22. C  
23. C  
24. B  
25. A  
26. A  
27. B  
28. C  
29. B  
30. A

COMPLETION

1. comes  
2. won’t be returned  
   aren’t going to be returned
3. had tried
4. were
5. wouldn't have made
6. fails
7. had had
8. couldn't have joined
9. took
10. had continued

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