ASV I – Week 23 - Conditionals

EXERCISE 1
Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. The table will collapse if you (stand) _____ on it.
2. The police (arrest) _____ him if they catch him.
3. Someone (steal) _____ your car if you leave it unlocked.
4. What will happen if my parachute (not open) _____ ?
5. If he (wash) _____ my car I'll give him £10.
6. If he (be) _____ late we'll go without him.
7. If we leave the car here it (not be) _____ in anybody's way.
8. If you come late they (not let) _____ you in.
9. If he (go) _____ on telling lies nobody will believe a word he says.
10. Unless he (sell) _____ more he won't get much commission.
11. If I lend you £10 when you (repay) _____ me?
12. We'll have to move upstairs if the river (rise) _____ any higher.
13. Ice (turn) _____ to water if you heat it.
14. If the house (burn) _____ down we can claim compensation.
15. Unless you are more careful you (have) _____ an accident.
16. If you (not believe) _____ what I say, ask your mother.
17. If you will kindly sit down I (make) _____ enquiries for you.
18. Unless I have a quiet room I (not be able) _____ to do any work.
19. She won't open the door unless she (know) _____ who it is.
20. Should you require anything else please (ring) _____ the bell for the attendant.

EXERCISE 2
Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I had a typewriter I (type) _____ it myself.
2. If I (know) _____ his address I'd give it to you.
3. He (look) _____ a lot better if he shaved more often.
4. I shouldn't drink that wine if I (be) _____ you.
5. More tourists would come to this country if it (have) _____ a better climate.
6. If I were sent to prison you (visit) _____ me?
7. If you drove your car into the river you (be able) _____ to get out?
8. If you (not belong) _____ to a union you couldn't get a job.
9. What you (do) _____ if you found a burglar in your house?
10. He might get fat if he (stop) _____ smoking.
11. If you (see) _____ someone drowning what would you do?
12. I (be) _____ ruined if I bought her everything she asked for.
13. If you slept under a mosquito net you (not be) _____ bitten so often.
14. If we had more rain our crops (grow) _____ faster.
15. If they (ban) _____ the sale of alcohol at football matches there might be less violence.
16. I (offer) _____ to help if I thought I'd be any use.

17. What would you do if the lift (get) _____ stuck between two floors?
18. If you (change) _____ your job would it affect your pension?
19. You wouldn't have so much trouble with your car if you (have) _____ _____ it serviced regularly.
20. I'd climb over the wall if there (not be) _____ so much broken glass on top of it.

EXERCISE 3
Complete the sentence with a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

The Earth after Humans

If all the people on Earth (disappear) _____ tomorrow, nature (begin) _____ _____ to reclaim the planet. For a start, if people no longer (pollute) _____ _____ the atmosphere, the air (soon become) _____ clean again. If there (be) _____ no people to maintain buildings, they (soon begin) _____ to decay, but more solid parts (take) _____ thousands of years to disappear. In general, if the 6.5 billion humans no longer (compete) _____ with other species on Earth, most species (benefit) _____ _____ . For example, if humans no longer (catch) _____ fish, the numbers of fish worldwide (eventually increase) _____ . However, if humans (vanish) _____ from the Earth, endangered species of animals (not necessarily recover) _____ as some are already too few in number. Some endangered species (have) _____ greater difficulty surviving if no humans (take) _____ the trouble to protect them from other species. Even if we no longer (poison) _____ the planet, several decades (go by) _____ _____ before all dangerous chemicals (disappear) _____ . And even if the burning of fossil fuels (cease) _____ tomorrow, the oceans (not absorb) _____ all the CO2 in the atmosphere for thousands of years. In the end, though, if alien visitors (land) _____ on the Earth in 100,000 years time, they (find) _____ no signs that an advanced civilization had ever lived here.

EXERCISE 4
Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I had known that you were in hospital I (visit) _____ you.
2. The ground was very soft. But for that, my horse (win) _____ .
3. If you (arrive) _____ ten minutes earlier you would have got a seat.
4. You would have seen my garden at its best if you (be) _____ here last week.
5. But for his quickness I (be) _____ killed.
6. I shouldn't have believed it if I (not see) _____ it with my own eyes.
7. If he had slipped he (fall) _____ 500 meters.
8. If he had asked you, you (accept) _____ ?
9. If I (had) _____ a map I would have been all right.
10. If I (know) _____ that you were coming I'd have baked a cake.

11. I (offer) _____ to help him if I had realized that he was ill.
12. If you had left that wasp alone it (not sting) _____ you.
13. If I (realize) _____ what a bad driver you were I wouldn't have come with you.
14. If I had realized that the traffic lights were red I (stop) _____ .
15. But for the fog we (reach) _____ our destination ages ago.
16. If you had told me that he never paid his debts I (not lend) _____ him the money.
17. If you (not sneeze) _____ he wouldn't have known that we were there.
18. If you (put) _____ some mustard in the sandwiches they would have tasted better.
19. The hens (not get) _____ into the house if you had shut the door.
20. If he had known that the river was dangerous he (not try) _____ to swim across it.

EXERCISE 5
Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If you (find) _____ a skeleton in the cellar don't mention it to anyone.
2. If you pass your examination we (have) _____ a celebration.
3. What (happen) _____ if I press this button?
4. I should have voted for her if I (have) _____ a vote then.
5. If you go to Paris where you (stay) _____ ?
6. If someone offered to buy you one of those rings, which you (choose) _____ ?
7. The flight may be cancelled if the fog (get) _____ thick.
8. Someone (sit) _____ on your glasses if you leave them there.
9. You would play better bridge if you (not talk) _____ so much.
10. Unless they turn that radio off I (go) _____ mad.
11. If you were made redundant what you (do) _____ ?
12. You (not have) _____ so many accidents if you drove more slowly.
13. Unless they leave a lamp beside that hole in the road somebody (fall) _____ into it.
14. If they (hang) _____ that picture lower people would be able to see it.
15. I (bring) _____ you some beer if I had known that you were thirsty.
16. If the story hadn't been true the newspaper (not print) _____ it.
17. You (not be) _____ any use to me unless you learn to type.
18. If anyone attacked me, my dog (jump) _____ at his throat.
19. The ship would have run aground if the pilot (make) _____ one mistake.
20. I wouldn't have taken your umbrella if I (know) _____ that it was the only one you had.

EXERCISE 6
Choose the correct option – insert A, B or C to complete the sentence.

1. You can start doing Section 2 if you _____ Section 1.
2. If you've become completely confused, you _____ start again.
3. Could you get me a book from the library, if I _____ the details.
4. If _____ a moment, I'll see if I can find another question paper for you.
5. I'll go over the figures again, if you _____
6. If you _____ the instructions, then of course you'll get the answers wrong!
7. If you _____ a dictionary, then make sure you know how to use it!
8. If I finish my project on time, I _____ a couple of days off!

1. A will finish   B are going to finish   C have finished
2. A will   B had better   C are going to
3. A give you   B will give you   C have given you
4. A you'll wait   B you have waited   C you are waiting
5. A will think that helps.   B think that will help.   C will think that will help.
6. A aren't reading   B read   C won't read
7. A will use   B have used   C are going to use
8. A had better take   B am able to take   C am going to take

EXERCISE 7
Put the verb in brackets in a suitable form, using a negative where necessary.

The Extinction of the Dinosaurs

The dinosaurs probably became extinct after a giant asteroid hit the Earth about 65 million years ago. But what (happen) _____ if this asteroid (miss) _____ _____ ? Scientists believe that in this case, dinosaurs (continue) _____ _____ to dominate the Earth, and that modern animals (probably exist) _____ _____ . Instead of elephants and lions and so on, there (be) _____ _____ different types of dinosaurs, because the animals we have now simply (be able) _____ to evolve. Some scientists have even suggested that dinosaurs (develop) _____ along the same lines as human beings, but this is a minority view. The general view is that perhaps dinosaur brains (grow) _____ _____ larger, but if they (exist) _____ today, dinosaurs (change) _____ _____ very much in general, and (look) _____ much the same. The prospects for human beings would not be so good, however. If the asteroid (collide) _____ with the Earth, there (probably be) _____ _____ any humans alive today. When the asteroid disaster wiped out the dinosaurs, it gave mammals the advantage. Without that space collision, mammals (stand) _____ _____ much chance against the dominant dinosaur species.

EXERCISE 8
Underline the correct form.

1. Small dogs can be carried on a passenger's knee *if only* / *provided* they do not cause inconvenience to passengers.
2. *Even if* / *Supposing* you could visit any country in the world. Where would you go?
3. I would like to thank the many colleagues who have made invaluable contributions: *unless* / *but for* their help, this project would not have been possible.
4. You must register your copy of the CD-ROM online, *otherwise* / *unless* it will not work.
5. If the government *were to* / *should* balance the budget, it would be able to increase spending.
6. You can easily get into trouble *if you happen to be* / *on condition that you are* in the wrong place at the wrong time.
7. We will give you a guaranteed price of €150 for your old computer, *even if* / *otherwise* it doesn't work.
8. According to the survey most people are happy to welcome foreigners to their country, *as long as* / *otherwise* they don't start behaving like foreigners.
9. Please don't interrupt the lesson *as long as* / *unless* you have an important point to make.
10. *If he should happen to have* / *If it hadn't been for* a leg injury, Adams would probably have won the race.

EXERCISE 9
Choose the correct option, A, B or C, to complete each sentence about security issues.

1. _____ leaving valuable property in parked cars, their cars wouldn't be broken into.
2. _____ a serious crime, what exactly should you do?
3. Please do not use the 999 emergency number _____ you are reporting a genuine emergency.
4. _____ you were travelling abroad, what could you do to improve your personal safety?
5. _____ the information provided by members of the public, the police would have a much more difficult job.
6. Police often conduct security checks in this area so they may stop you, and _____ you might be asked for your identity card or passport.
7. _____ any objectionable items on the website, let us know and we will have them removed.
8. _____ CCTV cameras installed in the store, many shoplifters would escape detection.
9. _____ people locked all their doors and windows, there would be fewer break-ins.
10. _____ your computer has a virus protection program, you might still fall victim to e-mail scams or malicious software.

1. A Unless people stopped	B Imagine	C If only people stopped
2. A Unless you witness	B If you were to witness	C If only you witness
3. A if	B provided	C unless
4. A Supposing	B If so	C As long as
5. A Supposing	B Provided that	C If it were not for
6. A otherwise	B if so	C even if
7. A Unless you notice	B If you happen to notice	C If you were to notice
8. A If there were to be	B If only there were	C If it weren't for
9. A If only	B Otherwise	C Even if
10. A Unless	B Even if	C On condition that