

## A. TYPES OF INVERSIONS

No/Not + N + Trợ động từ + S + V

At no time = Never = Under/In no circumstances  
+ Trợ động từ + S + V  
(không bao giờ)

By no means + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(hoàn toàn không)

For no reason + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(không vì lí do gì)

1. ĐÀO NGỮ  
VỚI CÁC  
CỤM TỪ CÓ  
TỪ “NO”

In no way + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(không sao có thể)

**On no condition = On no account + Trợ động từ + S  
+ V**  
*(dù bất cứ lý do gì cũng không)*

**No longer + Trợ động từ + S + V**  
*(không còn nữa)*

**No where + Trợ động từ + S + V**  
*(không nơi nào, không ở đâu)*

**Only after + S + V hoặc + Ving + Trợ động từ + S + V**  
*(chỉ sau khi)*



**Only by + Ving + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(chỉ bằng cách)**

**Only if + S + V + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(chỉ nếu)**

**2. ĐÀO NGỮ  
VỚI “ONLY”**

**Only when + S + V + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(chỉ khi)**

**Only with + N + trợ động từ + S + V  
(chỉ với)**

**Only later/Only in this way/Only then + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(Chỉ sau đó, chỉ bằng cách này)**

**So + Tính từ + V + chủ ngữ + that + clause  
(quá ... đến nỗi mà)**

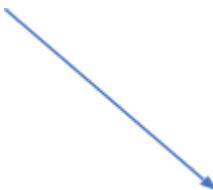
**3. ĐÀO NGỮ VỚI  
“SO/SUCH ... THAT”**

**Such + be + N + that + clause  
N + be + such + that + clause  
(quá... đến nỗi mà)**

**Câu điều kiện loại 1:  
Should + S + V, V + O / S + will, can, may... + V**

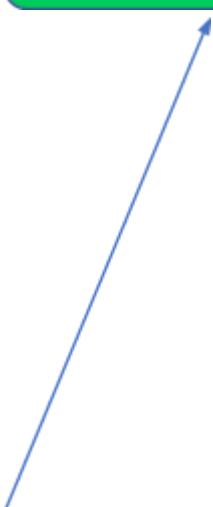
**4. ĐÀO NGỮ  
CỦA CÂU  
ĐIỀU KIỆN**

**Câu điều kiện loại 2:  
Were + S + (to V) + ..., S + would/could + V**



### Câu điều kiện loại 3:

Had + S + Vp2, S + would/could + have + Vp2



Đảo ngữ với **các trạng từ phủ định**: Never, rarely, seldom, little, hardly, scarcely, barely,...

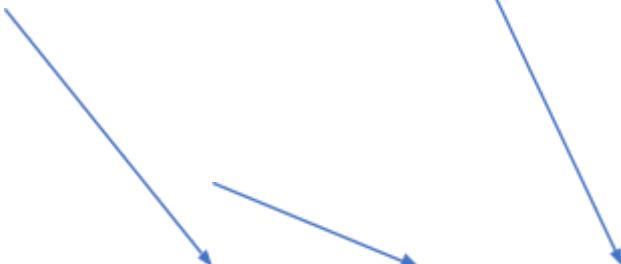
**Hardly/barely/scarcely + had + S + Vp2 + when + S + V  
(past)**

= **No sooner + had + S + Vp2 + than + S + V (past)**  
(Ngay khi/vừa mới... thì)

**Not only** + Trợ động từ + S + V + **but also** + S + V  
(không những... mà còn)

**Not until/till** + Time/Time clause + Trợ động từ + S + V  
(mãi đến khi ... thì)

## 5. ĐÁO NGỮ CỦA CÁC NHÓM TỪ CÒN LẠI



**So/Neither** + Trợ động từ + S  
**Nor** + Trợ động từ + S + V

Đáo ngữ với các trạng từ chỉ phương hướng/nơi chốn/giới  
từ/cụm phân từ:

Adv of place/giới từ/cụm phân từ + V + S

**B. PRACTICE EXERCISES****Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the verbs in the blanks.**

**Question 1:** Hardly the new law (introduce) \_\_\_\_\_ when the mistake was released.

**Question 2:** Not only you (be late) \_\_\_\_\_, but you also forgot to bring the documents.

**Question 3:** Only at the end of the interview I (think) \_\_\_\_\_ I had a chance of getting the job.

**Question 4:** Barely the politician (start) \_\_\_\_\_ to speak when the crowd began to boo.

**Question 5:** Seldom we (receive) \_\_\_\_\_ any apology when mistakes are made.

**Question 6:** My dad's never been abroad, and nor my mum (have) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 7:** Never in all my life I (see) \_\_\_\_\_ such a horrible thing.

**Question 8:** I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you, I'd start looking for another job.

**Question 9:** At no time I (suspect) \_\_\_\_\_ that he was a killer.

**Question 10:** Nowhere I (have) \_\_\_\_\_ ever such bad service.

**Question 11:** Not until you (grow up) \_\_\_\_\_ will we let you live independently.

**Question 12:** Only when the plane landed safely he (calm down) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 13:** Only after I (check) \_\_\_\_\_ that the burglars had left, did I call the police.

**Question 14:** No sooner the company (launch) \_\_\_\_\_ its new product than it went bankrupt.

**Question 15:** Under no circumstances employees (allow) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the building without permission.

**Question 16:** Not only he (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ all his money but he borrowed some from me as well.

**Question 17:** Scarcely I (open) \_\_\_\_\_ the front door when I heard a noise from the kitchen.

**Question 18:** Rarely people (care) \_\_\_\_\_ about the environment enough to give up driving their cars.

**Question 19:** We (win) \_\_\_\_\_ the competition, we would have had a free trip to Moscow.

**Question 20:** No sooner I (accept) \_\_\_\_\_ the job than they told me I had to work at weekends.

**Question 21:** So bad (be) \_\_\_\_\_ her singing that she was booed off the stage.

**Question 22:** Little he (say) \_\_\_\_\_ about it.

**Question 23:** Not until she left I (know) \_\_\_\_\_ that she had been very important to me.

**Question 24:** In no way the shop (can hold) \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for customers' lost property.

**Question 25:** Only when Tom saw his wife's face he (understand) \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of the comment.

**Question 26:** Only by training hard every day you (become) \_\_\_\_\_ a good athlete.

**Question 27:** First (come) \_\_\_\_\_ the ambulance, then (come) \_\_\_\_\_ the police.

**Question 28:** On the grass an enormous frog (sit) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Question 29:** He had no money, nor he (know) \_\_\_\_\_ anybody from whom he could borrow.

**Question 30:** Not a word he (say) \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw his wife hand in hand with another man.

**Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences using inversions.**

**Question 1:** The only reason the party was a success was that a famous film star attended.

=> Had it not....

**Question 2:** He had hardly left the office when the telephone rang.

=> No sooner...

**Question 3:** Alice and Charles did not decide to move to a bigger house until after the birth of their second child.

=> Only when...

**Question 4:** If the river rises any higher, the town will be flooded.

=> Should

**Question 5:** If I were you, I'd accept the offer.

=> Were

**Question 6:** If the chemical were leaked, a large area of the sea would be contaminated.

=> Were ...

**Question 7:** If it hadn't been for Henry, I might not have met you.

=> Had ...

**Question 8:** Tom never seems worried about his future.

=> Never ...

**Question 9:** We won't tell anybody the good news until we're certain it's true.

=> Not until ...

**Question 10:** There is a red flower tree near the old pagoda.

=> Near ...

**Question 11:** The dancer moved so gracefully that he appeared to be skating.

=> So ...

**Question 12:** She is so ignorant that she has never paid attention to any boys.

=> Such ...

**Question 13:** You should never park on double yellow lines.

=> Under no circumstances ...

**Question 14:** John certainly can't be held responsible for the accident.

=> In no way...

**Question 15:** The police didn't at all suspect that the judge was the murderer.

=> Little...

**Question 16:** You won't find fossils like this anywhere else.

=> Nowhere else ...

**Question 17:** She has never been so happy before.

=> Never before ...

**Question 18:** She realized that she didn't lock the door after the train had left.

=> Only after ...

**Question 19:** It isn't often that temperatures in Spain fall below 0°C.

=> Seldom ...

**Question 20:** The door to the basement isn't to be left open on any account.

=> On no account...

**Question 21:** The only way you can pass the exam is learning hard.

=> Only by ...

**Question 22:** I only watch television if I don't have anything else to do.

=> Only when ...

**Question 23:** There was a great castle directly in front of them.

=> Directly in front ...

**Question 24:** Bob didn't remember his mother's birthday and his sister's either.

=> Bob didn't remember his mother's birthday, nor ...

**Question 25:** They managed to get our attention only by shouting and waving their arms.

=> Only by ...

**Question 26:** This restaurant rarely gets so crowded.

=> Rarely ...

**Question 27:** You will only understand him if you speak French.

=> Only if ...

**Question 28:** I had barely started speaking when he interrupted me.

=> Barely

**Question 29:** Harvard is one of the best universities in the world.

=> One ...

**Question 30:** The lion which was lying under the tree was one of the biggest one I had ever seen.

=> Under ...

**Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ had we arrived at the beach when it started pouring with rain.

- A. No sooner      B. Hardly
- C. As soon as      D. The minute

**Question 2:** Not only \_\_\_\_\_ to determine the depth of the ocean floor, but it is also used to locate oil.

- A. seismology is used      B. using seismology
- C. is seismology used      D. to use seismology

**Question 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ the phone rang later that night did Ann remember the appointment.

- A. No sooner      B. Only
- C. Not until      D. Just before

**Question 4:** Not only \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of psychology but animal behavior is examined as well.

- A. is studied human behavior      B. is human behavior studied
- C. did human behavior study      D. human behavior studied

**Question 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ be impolite to our parents.

- A. Not in any circumstances should we      B. In any circumstances shouldn't we
- C. In no circumstances should we      D. No circumstances should we not

**Question 6:** \_\_\_\_\_ more information, please telephone our main office.

- A. You need      B. Should you need
- C. You should need      D. If you needed

**Question 7:** \_\_\_\_\_ in my seventies and rather unfit, I might consider taking up squash.

- A. Were I not      B. Was I not
- C. Weren't I      D. If I am not

**Question 8:** \_\_\_\_\_, I would invite her to the party.

- A. Had I known her      B. Should I know her
- C. Were I know her      D. Were I to know her

**Question 9:** \_\_\_\_\_ I known what he was really like, I would never have married him.

- A. Have      B. Did
- C. Had      D. Would

**Question 10:** Seldom \_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful sight.

- A. have I seen      B. I have ever seen
- C. I saw      D. did I ever see

**Question 11:** Rarely \_\_\_\_\_ last longer than an hour.

- A. do tornados      B. tornados
- C. tornados that      D. tornados do

**Question 12:** On the battle field \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the tanks lay      B. did the tanks lie
- C. lay the tanks      D. lied the tanks

**Question 13:** \_\_\_\_\_ pleased with himself.

- A. Only after John received the first prize was he
- B. Only after John received the first prize he was
- C. After John received the first prize only was he
- D. After John received the first prize only he was

**Question 14:** \_\_\_\_\_ received law degrees as today.

- A. Never so many women have      B. The women aren't never
- C. Women who have never      D. Never have so many women

**Question 15:** \_\_\_\_\_ most of the soldiers gave up!

- A. So was the exercise difficult that      B. So difficult was the exercise that
- C. So was the exercise difficult that did      D. So difficult was the exercise that did

**Question 16:** \_\_\_\_\_ advised on what and how to prepare for the interview, he might have got the job.

- A. Had he been      B. If he had
- C. Unless he had been      D. Were he to be

**Question 17:** Only by making a good impression \_\_\_\_\_ the job.

- A. will you give      B. you will be given
- C. you give      D. will you be given

**Question 18:** Little \_\_\_\_\_ that Ted was a secret agent.

- A. did the embassy staff realized      B. did the embassy staff realize
- C. the embassy staff realized      D. realized the embassy staff

**Question 19:** On no account \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the house should be left unlocked      B. left unlocked the house
- C. should the house be left unlocked      D. should the house left unlocked

**Question 20:** Only when \_\_\_\_\_ can we begin the program.

- A. has Peter arrived      B. Peter has arrived
- C. arrived has Peter      D. arrived Peter has

**Question 21:** At no time \_\_\_\_\_ of anything out of usual.

- A. I was aware      B. was I aware

C. do I aware      D. I aware

**Question 22:** Only if \_\_\_\_\_ can we get into the house.

- A. you have a key    B. have you a key
- C. do you have a key    D. have a key do you

**Question 23:** \_\_\_\_\_ graduated from college.

- A. Nowhere does he found a job after he had    B. Not anywhere did he find a job after had he
- C. Nowhere did he find a job after had he    D. Nowhere did he find a job after he had

**Question 24:** Scarcely \_\_\_\_\_ each other since they had a quarrel.

- A. do they talk to    B. have they talked to
- C. were they talk to    D. had they talk to

**Question 25:** Tom: "I don't believe he's telling the truth."

Ann: "\_\_\_\_\_ . The facts don't add up."

- A. So do I    B. Neither I do
- C. Neither do I    D. I don't neither

**Question 26:** Fiona: "Jane bought a new dress this morning."

Betty: "What a coincidence! \_\_\_\_\_ ."

- A. So have I    B. Nor did I
- C. So did I    D. Nor have I

**Question 27:** \_\_\_\_\_ during his dinner with us.

- A. Not did my grandfather say a single word    B. Not said a single word did my grandfather
- C. Not my grandfather said a single word    D. Not a single word did my grandfather say

**Question 28:** In no way \_\_\_\_\_ her wedding.

- A. can I come    B. I can come to
- C. can I come to    D. can come to

**Question 29:** Silently \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. approaching them is a lion    B. a lion is approaching them
- C. is a lion approaching them    D. a lion approaches them

**Question 30:** Barely \_\_\_\_\_ drying her hair when her first guests arrived.

- A. had she finish    B. she had finished
- C. had she finished    D. had finished she

**Exercise 4: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

**Question 1:** He got down to writing the letter as soon as he returned from his walk.

- A. No sooner had he returned from his walk when he got down to writing the letter.
- B. Not until he returned from his walk did he get down to writing the letter.
- C. Only after he had returned from his walk did he get down to writing the letter.
- D. Hardly had he returned from his walk when he got down to writing the letter.

**Question 2:** She just had time to put up her umbrella before the rain came down in torrents.

- A. No sooner had she put up her umbrella than the rain came down in torrents.
- B. The rain came down in torrents as soon as she just has time to put up her umbrella.
- C. Only when she had put up her umbrella did the rain come down in torrents.
- D. If she hadn't time to put up her umbrella, the rain wouldn't have come down in torrents.

**Question 3:** If you want to save your eyesight, you must operate immediately.

- A. Unless you want to save your eyesight, you mustn't operate immediately.
- B. Only by operating immediately can you save your eyesight.
- C. Provided that you must operate immediately, you can save your eyesight.
- D. If you did operate immediately, you couldn't save your eyesight.

**Question 4:** I only realized what I had missed when they told me about it later.

- A. Only after I had realized what I had missed did they tell me about it later.
- B. As soon as they told me about it I realized what I had missed.
- C. Only when they told me about it later did I realize what I had missed.
- D. They told me about it and I realized what I had missed.

**Question 5:** The demand was so great that they had to reprint the book immediately.

- A. So great was the demand that they had to reprint the book immediately.

- B. So great the demand was that they had to reprint the book immediately.
- C. Such great was the demand that they had to reprint the book immediately.
- D. Such was the demand great that they had to reprint the book immediately.

**Question 6:** She was so busy that she couldn't answer the phone.

- A. She was very busy that she couldn't answer the phone.
- B. So busy was she that she couldn't answer the phone.
- C. She was too busy not to answer the phone.
- D. She was very busy so that she couldn't answer the phone

**Question 7:** She didn't read the reference books. She wouldn't be able to finish the test.

- A. Had she read the reference books, she would have been able to finish the test.
- B. If she had read the reference books, she could finish the test.
- C. Although she didn't read the reference books, she was able to finish the test.
- D. Not having read the reference books, she couldn't finish the test.

**Question 8:** It was not until the sun was shining brightly that the little girl woke up.

- A. No sooner was the sun shining brightly than the little girl woke up.
- B. Not until the little girl woke up was the sun shining brightly.
- C. Not until the sun was shining brightly did the little girl wake up.
- D. As soon as the little girl woke up, the sun hasn't shone brightly yet.

**Question 9:** We couldn't solve the problem until our teacher arrived.

- A. Not until we solved the problem could our teacher arrive.
- B. When our teacher arrived, we solved the problem.
- C. Until our teacher arrived, we were able to solve the problem.
- D. Not until our teacher arrived could we solve the problem.

**Question 10:** The mistake in the accounts was not noticed until the figures were re-checked.

- A. It was not until the mistake in the accounts was noticed that the figures were re-checked.
- B. Once re-checking the figures, the mistake in the accounts was noticed.
- C. The mistake in the accounts only came to light when the figures were re-checked.
- D. When the figures were re-checked they came to light the mistake in the accounts.

**Question 11:** You won't find a more dedicated worker anywhere than Mrs Jones.

- A. Mrs Jones is the most dedicated worker you won't find nowhere.
- B. Nowhere will you find a more dedicated worker than Mrs Jones.
- C. Nowhere will not you find a more dedicated worker than Mrs Jones.
- D. Mrs Jones can't be found in nowhere.

**Question 12:** The outcome of the election was never in doubt.

- A. At no time was the outcome of the election in doubt.
- B. At no time the outcome of the election was in doubt.
- C. Never in doubt was the outcome of the election.
- D. By no means was the outcome of the election been suspected.

**Question 13:** The only way to eliminate world terrorism is by united opposition.

- A. Only with united opposition could we eliminate terrorism.
- B. Only by united opposition can we eliminate terrorism.
- C. Only in this way can world terrorism be eliminated.
- D. Only then can we eliminate terrorism.

**Question 14:** He forgot about the gun until he got home.

- A. Not until he got home did he forget about the gun.
- B. Not until he got home did he remember about the gun.
- C. Not until he had got home did he remember about the gun.
- D. Not until he had got home did he forget about the gun.

**Question 15:** The truth only came out on the publication of the general's personal diaries.

- A. Only by publishing the general's personal diaries, did the truth come out.
- B. Not until the general's personal diaries published did the truth come out.
- C. Hardly were the general's personal diaries published than the truth came out.
- D. Only when the general's personal diaries were published did the truth come out.

**Exercise 5: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.**

**Question 1:** No sooner had he appointed to the post than the new editor fell ill.

- A. had      B. appointed
- C. than      D. fell ill

**Question 2:** No sooner had the announcement been made when everyone started complaining.

- A. No sooner      B. been made
- C. started      D. complaining

**Question 3:** Had it not been for the dead of the Prime Minister, the bill would have been passed.

- A. Had it not been for      B. dead
- C. the      D. would have been passed

**Question 4:** Not until John had received the offer of promotion in writing he celebrated.

- A. Not until      B. had received
- C. in writing      D. he celebrated

**Question 5:** Only by hard training every day can we become a good athlete.

- A. Only      B. hard training
- C. can we become      D. a

**Question 6:** Never before there have been more people out of work in this country.

- A. Never before      B. there have
- C. more      D. out of work

**Question 7:** Not until I have left home did I realize how much my father meant to me.

- A. I have left      B. did I realize
- C. much      D. to me

**Question 8:** She told his son only when he grew up he could understand it.

- A. told      B. only when
- C. grew up      D. he could

**Question 9:** The witness reported that standing in the doorway a man with a gun was.

- A. The      B. reported
- C. standing      D. a man with a gun was

**Question 10:** Although he has just returned from the United States, not a penny he gets.

- A. has just returned      B. the
- C. not      D. he gets

**Question 11:** Little he knows about the surprise that awaited him when he arrived there.

- A. he knows      B. about
- C. that      D. awaited

**Question 12:** It was not until she arrived home did she remember her appointment with the doctor.

- A. arrived      B. did she remember
- C. with      D. the doctor

**Question 13:** Never in the history of humanity has there been more people living on this relatively small planet.

- A. humanity      B. has
- C. living      D. relatively

**Question 14:** So extensive the lakes are that they are viewed as the largest bodies of fresh water in the world.

- A. the lakes are      B. are viewed as
- C. largest      D. of fresh water

**Question 15:** It was not until this morning when I heard the notification.

- A. this morning      B. when
- C. heard      D. notification

**Question 16:** Never before have the leaders of those two countries meet in an earnest attempt to resolve their differences.

- A. have      B. those
- C. meet      D. earnest attempt

**Question 17:** Not until I was on my way to the airport that I realized I had left my passport at home.

- A. I was      B. that I realized
- C. had left      D. at home

**Question 18:** Such was he surprised that he nearly fell off his chair.

- A. was      B. he surprised
- C. nearly    D. fell off

**Question 19:** Has he studied more, he would have been able to pass the exam.

- A. Has he studied    B. would have been
- C. to pass       D. the exam

**Question 20:** All the way along the winding street he came.

- A. All the way    B. along
- C. winding       D. he came

**Question 21:** Rarely has the federal government of the United States grow during a Republican administration.

- A. has       B. federal government
- C. the       D. grow

**Question 22:** As fuel prices rose, bus companies raised their fares and neither did the airlines.

- A. rose      B. raised
- C. neither    D. did the airlines

**Question 23:** Not only she passed the exam but she also got a scholarship.

- A. she passed    B. but she also
- C. got          D. scholarship

**Question 24:** Only by working hard you can achieve your goal.

- A. working    B. hard
- C. you can achieve    D. goal

**Question 25:** John never comes to class on time and so does Peter.

- A. comes    B. on time
- C. so       D. does Peter

**Question 26:** Should I needed more help, I could call my neighbors and my friends.

- A. I needed    B. help
- C. could call    D. neighbors

**Question 27:** Hardly had he finished the work than his wife came in with two policemen.

- A. had he finished    B. than
- C. came in       D. policemen

**Question 28:** So fluent does she speak the language that many people think she's English.

- A. fluent    B. does she speak
- C. that       D. English

**Question 29:** No sooner when had he got home than he was called back to the office.

- A. when    B. had he got
- C. than    D. was called back

**Question 30:** Under no circumstances you should approach the man.

- A. Under    B. circumstances
- C. you should    D. approach