

S.S.L.C. SECOND LANGUAGE- ENGLISH- GRAMMAR SECTION

CONDITIONAL CLAUSES ('IF' CLAUSES)

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There are three types of Conditional Clauses.

i) **Open Conditions** (that can take place easily)

e.g.: If you study hard, you will pass.

ii) **Improbable Conditions** (that cannot take place easily)

e.g.: If you dropped your watch, it would break.

(unlikely to happen. Only a fool will drop his watch.)

iii) **Impossible Conditions** (that can never take place)

e.g.: If you had tried a bit harder, you would have won the race.

(now it is too late)

In the examinations, questions on Impossible Conditions are asked.

If she *had gone* there in time, she *would have got* a ticket.

Note that there are two parts in this sentence.

a) If she had gone there in time (If clause, incomplete sentence, Subordinate clause)

b) she would have got a ticket. (Main clause, complete sentence)

In an Impossible Condition sentence, the Subordinate Clause (If clause) will have '***had (not) + Past Participle***' (en/ed form of the verb) and the Main clause will have '***would (not) have + Past Participle***' (en/ed form of the verb)

In the Main Clauses, sometimes, '***could (not) have + Past Participle***' is also possible, depending on the meaning.

Study the following sentences and note the verbs.

1. You would have won the race, if you had run a bit faster.

2. I would have got the train, if I had reached the station in time.

3. He would not have died, if he had undergone an operation.

4. The H.M. would not have punished you, if you had told him the truth.

5. If the department had not taken enough care, there would have been cholera in this area.

6. If India had won the toss, they would have chosen batting first.

7. The old man would have died if he had swallowed this tablet.

8. The Doctors would not have conducted an operation, if the patient's sons had not compelled the doctor.

9. If we had not shifted him to the hospital, the old beggar would have died of fever.

10. If you had submitted the application on time, I would have sanctioned a scholarship.

11. If the driver had been careful, he could have avoided the accident.

12. I would have come to your house, if you had invited me.

13. If the Manager had sanctioned some more money, I would have bought an AC car.

14. The driver would have stopped the bus near the school, if you had requested him.

QUESTIONS FROM OLD QUESTION PAPERS

Usually, a dialogue will be given with an incomplete sentence. You have to select the correct alternatives given there and complete the sentence. (MC Questions)

1. Ananda: Akash, I am going to picnic tomorrow. Will you come?

Akash: Thank you for inviting me. If you had told me earlier, Ijoined you.

A) would not have B) would have C) shall have D) will have [April 2020]

Ans: B) would have

2. Savita: Did you go to Bharathanatyam programme?

Madhura: Yes, I had been with my family. It was fantastic.

Savita: If you had called me, Ijoined you.

A) should have B) wouldn't have C) shouldn't have D) would have [Sept 2020]

Ans: D) would have

3. If I had brought my camera, wetaken some photographs.

A) shouldn't have B) wouldn't have C) would have D) should have [March 2021]

Ans: C) would have

4. Jaya: Did you bring my drawing book?

Suma: If you had told me earlier, Ibrought it.

A) would have B) should have C) shouldn't have D) wouldn't have [March 2021 (2)]

15. If the teacher had given me a few more minutes, I could have answered all the questions.

Ans: A) would have

5. Rekha: Sneha, look at the beautiful scenery! Have you brought your camera?

Sneha: Yes, it is beautiful. But, I forgot to bring my camera.

Rakesh: Is it? If you had brought it, we taken nice photographs.

A) would have B) will have C) would not have D) will not have [Model 2022]

Ans: A) would have

6. Rajesh: Hey Sunil, did you watch the cricket match yesterday? We won the match!

Sunil: No, I didn't. If you had told me earlier, Iwatched it. [March 2022]

A) would have B) wouldn't have C) will have D) shall have

Ans: A) would have

7. Shoukath: Hello, Renuka! Why are you running in a hurry?

Renuka: I want to catch the bus.

Shoukath: The bus has already left the station. If you had come early, youcaught the bus.

A) will have B) should have C) would D) would have [June 2022]

Ans: C) would have

8. Radhika: Hey, Suma! Did you meet Anu, yesterday?

Suma: No! It was raining till late at night. Otherwise, I gone to her house.

A) wouldn't have B) would have C) should have D) shouldn't have [Model 2023]

Ans: B) would have

9. Chandan: Hey, Sneha, have you missed the bus?

Sneha: Yes. I had gone to the bus station at 10.30.a.m. But, the bus had left at 10.15 a.m.

Chandan: If you had gone to the bus station at 10.00 a.m. youmissed the bus.

A) will have B) would have C) shall have D) wouldn't have [April 2023]

Ans: D) wouldn't have

10. Dhanush: Hey Usha, why didn't you attend the class yesterday?

Usha: Yes, I was not well.

Dhanush: If you had come yesterday, youmet my friend.

A) will have B) should have C) would have D) wouldn't have [Model 2024]

Ans: C) would have

11. Suresh: Where did you go yesterday?

Prakash: I went to visit a zoo.

Suresh: If you had informed me, Icome.

A) would B) would have C) wouldn't have D) will [Model 2026]

Ans: B) would have