

# CONDITIONAL SENTENCES



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Sentences that comprise a condition are called Conditional Sentences. शर्त वाले वाक्य Conditional वाक्य कहलाते हैं।

In such sentences one action depends on the other action. (ऐसे वाक्य में एक कार्य दूसरे पर निर्भर करता है)

There are two clauses in Conditional Sentences. (Conditional Sentences में दो Clause होते हैं।)

Eg:- If I work hard, I will succeed. 'Sub-ordinate clause' or 'If Clause' or 'Main clause'



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What is a clause? Clause क्या है?

A clause is a group of words that contains a verb (and usually other components too). A clause may form part of a sentence and it may be a complete sentence in itself.

(Clause शब्दो का समूह होता है जिसमें एक verb होता है और वाक्य के अन्य भाग भी हो सकते है। Clause खुद में पूरा वाक्य भी हो सकता है और ये वाक्य का भाग भी हो सकता है।)



'If' is called Sub-ordinating Conjunction because 'if' introduces Subordinate clause.

('If' Sub-ordinating Conjunction कहलाता है क्योंकि 'if' Sub-ordinate clause का परिचय कराता है यानि 'If' के साथ Sub-ordinate clause आता है।)

We can use 'Unless', 'Until', 'When', 'Provided', 'in case' etc in place of 'if' depending on the meaning of the sentence.

(हम 'If' के स्थान पर Unless, Until, When, Provided अथवा in case भी देख सकते हैं। अगर वाक्य के अर्थ के अनुसार जरूरी हो तो।)



Present Imaginary Sentences (Type -2) (जो कल्पना वर्तमान समय के लिए हो)

**Present Imaginary Position** 

- 1. If I were the Prime Minister, I would increase employment opportunities.
- 2. If I were you/ If I were in your place/ If I were in your shoes, I would not trust any one.
- 3. If Mahatma Gandhi were alive today, he would feel sorry for the Congress party.



## Structure

If + Subject + were + object ..., Subject + would +  $V_{b,f}$  ...

Were + Subject + object ..., Subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$  ...

Note:- We can use any other past modal in place of 'would' if required'. (अगर जरूरी हो तो हम would के स्थान पर कोई और Past Modal का भी प्रयोग कर सकते हैं )

- 4. If I were a bird, I would fly in the sky.
- 5. If I were the Education Minister, I would bring several reforms.
- 6. Were I the CSE topper today, I would be on cloud nine.
- 7. If I were rich, I would help the poor.
- 8. If I were god, no child would starve.

Explanation to sentence  $6 \rightarrow$  If we remove 'if', 'were' will come at the beginning of the sentence.



9. I wish I am (1)/ the richest person (2)/ in the whole wide world. (3)/ No error (4).

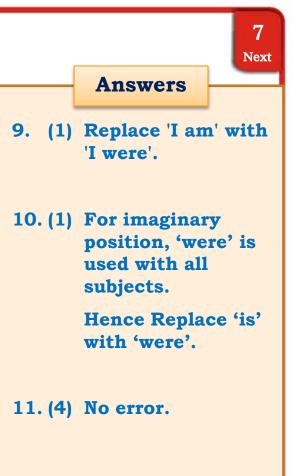
(SSC Section Officer (Audit), Exam. 10.12.2006)

If he is a millionaire (1)/ he would help (2)/ the millennium project. (3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC CPO (SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer Exam. 28.08.2011 (Paper-I)

11. I would (1)/ accept the offer (2)/ if I were you.
(3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 04.12.2011 (Ist Sitting (East Zone)





12. If I was he,(1)/ I wouldn't accept (2)/ this project. (3)/ No error.(4)

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I, Exam. 19.05.2013)

 If I was he (1)/ I wouldn't (2)/ accept the offer. (3)/ No error (4)

SSC (steno.) 2017, 12 Sept., Morning

14. He commanded me (1)/ as if he was (2)/ my husband. (3)/ No Error (4)

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#### Answers

12. (1) Replace 'was' with 'were'.

For imaginary position, the structure is

**Rule:** If + subject + were, subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub>

- 13. (1) Change 'was' into 'were' because the sentence is related to imaginary state. For imaginary state, we use 'were' with all subjects.
- 14. (2) For Present Imaginary Position- we use 'were' instead of 'was'.



## 15. If I was he, (1)/ I wouldn't (2)/ accept this gift. (3)/ No Error (4)

SSC (CPO) Pre- 2017, 6 July, 2018 Evening

## 16. If I <u>am</u> the P.M. I would ban all processions.

(1) will be

were

(SSC Tex Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 05.12.2004)

(3) am

(2)

- (4) No improvement
- 17. If I was you, I would not sign the document.
  - (1) If I have been you
  - (2) If I were you
  - (3) If I had been you
  - (4) No improvement

(SSC Multi-Tasking (Non-Technical) Staff Exam. 20.02.2011)

#### Answers

15. (1) Use 'were' in place of 'was'.

16. (2) Replace 'am' with 'were'.

For imaginary sentence the structure is:

If + Subject + were, subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub>.

17. (2) Replace 'If I was you' with 'If I were you'.

> The structure of Imaginary Position is:

If + subject + were, Subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$ 



- 18. If you were the Prime Minister of India what steps <u>would you have</u> <u>taken</u> to end unemployment ?
  - (1) will you take
  - (2) will you be taking
  - (3) would you take
  - (4) No improvement
- 19. The Councillor behaves as if he <u>is</u> the Chief minister.
  - (1) has been
  - (2) were
  - (3) No improvement
  - (4) was

(SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA Exam, 06.12.2015 (IInd Sitting) TF No. 3441135)

(SSC CAPFs SI &

CISF ASI Exam.

23.06.2013)

#### Answers

18. (3) Replace 'would you have taken' with 'would you take'.

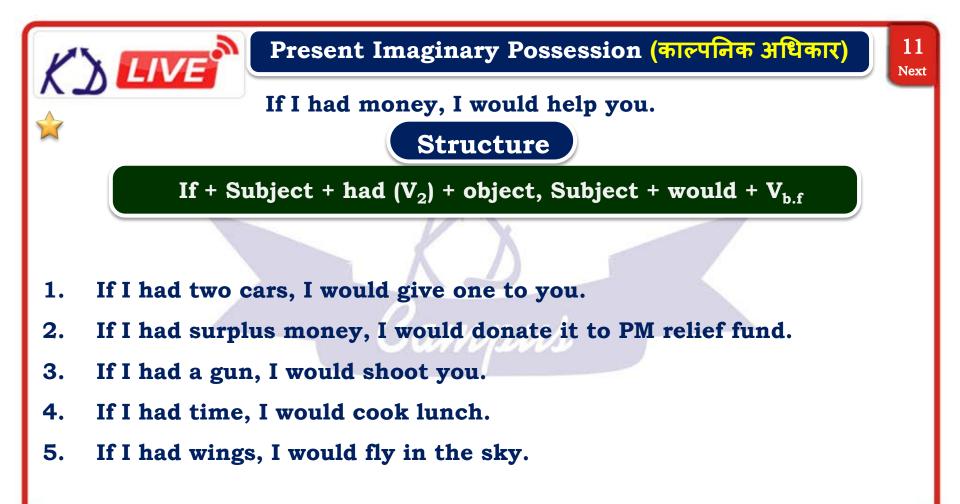
The structure is:

If + subject + were, subject + would +  $V_{b.f}$ . Since this is an interrogative sentence, we should put 'would' before the subject.

19. (2) Replace 'he is' with 'he were'.

For imaginary position, the following structure is applicable.

If + subject + were, subject + would + V<sub>b.f</sub>





6. If the farmer got a washing machine (1)/ his wife can (2)/ do the laundry quickly (3)/ No error (4)

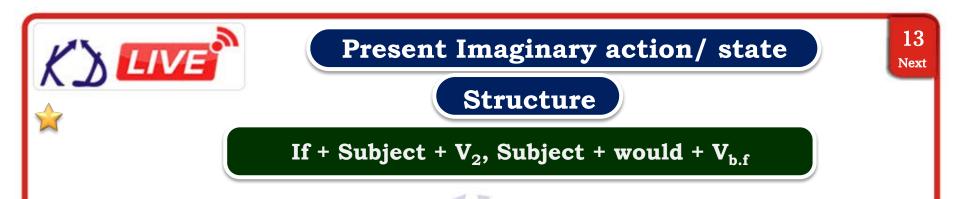
SSC CGL-2016 (1st September, Afternoon)

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#### Answers

- 6. (2) Rule: If 'if clause' is in simple past tense, the general formula we use is:
  - If + simple past, subject + would / could + V<sub>b.f</sub>

Thus replace 'can' with 'could'.



- 1. If life existed on other planets, we would see someone or the other for sure.
- 2. If I knew how to sing, they would hire me for the Orchestra.
- 3. If I bought a Ferrari, he would be green with envy.
- 4. If Gurukuls existed now, our children would be more courteous.
- 5. If you lived on the Moon, you would weigh 10 kilograms only.



6. He walks (1)/ as if the earth (2)/ belonged to him. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC CISF Constable (GD) Exam. 05.06.2011)

7. It is time (1)/ we should have done
(2)/ something useful. (3)/ No error (4)

(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (East Zone)

- 8. If I dyed my hair green, everybody <u>will</u> laugh at me.
  - (1) would (2) did
  - (3) may (4) No improvement

(SSC Section Officer (Commercial Audit) Exam. 25.09.2005)

#### Answers

- 6. (4) No error.
  - If 'as if' is followed by total unrealistic action, it is in 'S +  $V_2$ ' form.
- 7. (2) Replace 'should have done' with 'did'. It's time is followed by 'V<sub>2</sub>'.
- 8. (1) Replace 'will' with 'would'.
  The structure is -

If + Simple Past, Subject + Would + V<sub>b.f</sub>.



## 9. Mary would not go to the market unless I go with her. (SSC (10+2) Level Data

- (1) shall go
- (2) went
- (3) would go
- (4) No improvement.

## 10. <u>I wish I knew what is wrong with my car.</u>

(1) I wish I knew what was wrong with my car.

Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 04.12.2011

(North Zone) Ist Sitting

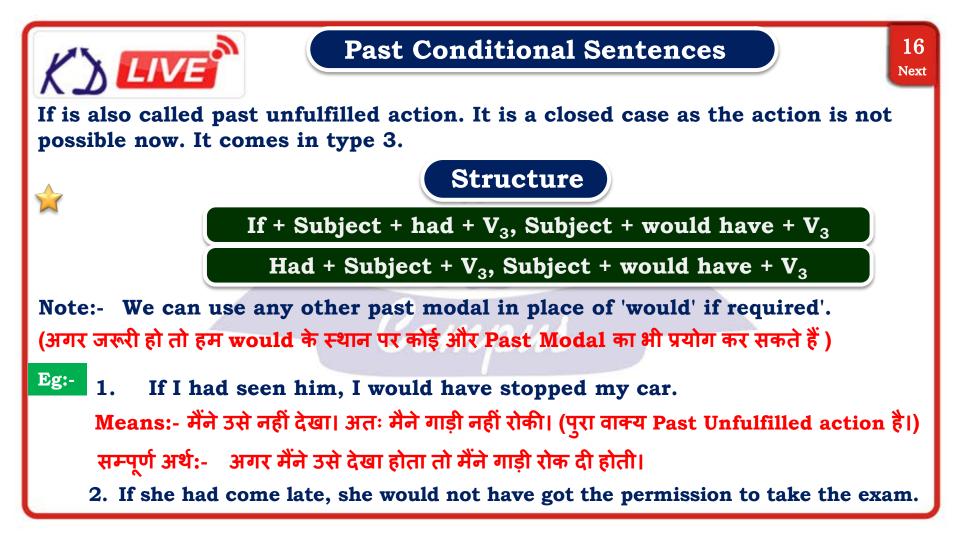
- (2) I wish I had known what is wrong with my car.
- (3) I wish I know what is wrong with my car.
- (4) No improvement

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)

#### Answers

9. (2) Replace 'go' with 'went'. The structure here is – If + Subject +  $V_2$ , Subject + Would +  $V_{hf}$ 

10. (4) This is a sentence expressing a wish and an action of present. So 'knew'  $(V_2)$  for wish and 'is wrong' for present state should come.





### Examples

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- 1. If I had gone to Delhi, I would have got infected.
- 2. If I had got a chance to meet the super star, I would have been very happy.
- 3. If he had given up smoking, he would not have died at such a young age.
- 4. Had luck favoured me, I would have become an IAS officer.
- 5. If we had had Dhoni is our team, we would have won the match.



6. John would have told (1)/you the truth (2)/ if you had asked him. (3)/ No Error. (4) (SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax &

Central Excise) Exam. 05.12.2004)

7. Had you (1)/ worked hard (2)/ you will have passed. (3)/ No error (4) (SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry

Operator & LDC Exam. 04.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (North Zone)

8. If he had walked (1)/ fast enough (2)/ he will get the bus. (3)/ No error (4)

> (SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 04.11.2012 (2nd Sitting)

#### Answers

6. (4) No error

The rule applicable here is

If + subject + had, subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

 (3) Change 'will have' into 'would have'. The sentence fits in the formula given below.

If + subject + had, subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

8. (3) Replace 'will get' with 'would have got'.

The formula applicable here is:

Rule: If + subject + had, Subject + would + have +  $V_3$ .

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9. If she had seen (1)/ the car coming, she (2)/ may not crossed the road. (3)/ No error.(4)

> (SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam. 16.11.2014, IInd Sitting TF No. 545 QP 6)

 If I had remembered (1)/ this it will have (2)/ prevented some mistakes. (3)/ No error (4)

SSC CHSL-2016 21th Jan, Evening

11. Had I been (1) / in my brother's position (2) / I would have refused the offer. (3) / No Error (4)

SSC CGL-2016 (8th September, Afternoon)

#### Answers

- 9. (3) Replace 'may not crossed' with 'might/ would not have crossed'.
- 10. (2) The correct formula is-
  - If + had +  $V_3$ , Sub + would + have +  $V_3$

Hence replace 'will' with 'would'.

11. (4) "Had +subject +  $V_3$ ", Subject + would + have +  $V_3$  is the formula if we remove 'if' from a conditional sentence.



## 12. <u>If you have studied hard</u>, you would have got a first class.

- (1) If you studied hard.
- (2) If you had studied hard.
- (3) If you would study hard.
- (4) No improvement.

(SSC Section Officer (Commercial Audit) Exam. 26.11.2006)

- 13. If I had followed your advice, I <u>would</u> <u>not regret</u> today. (SSC Section
  - (1) will not regret
  - (2) had not regretted
  - (3) would not have regretted
  - (4) No improvement

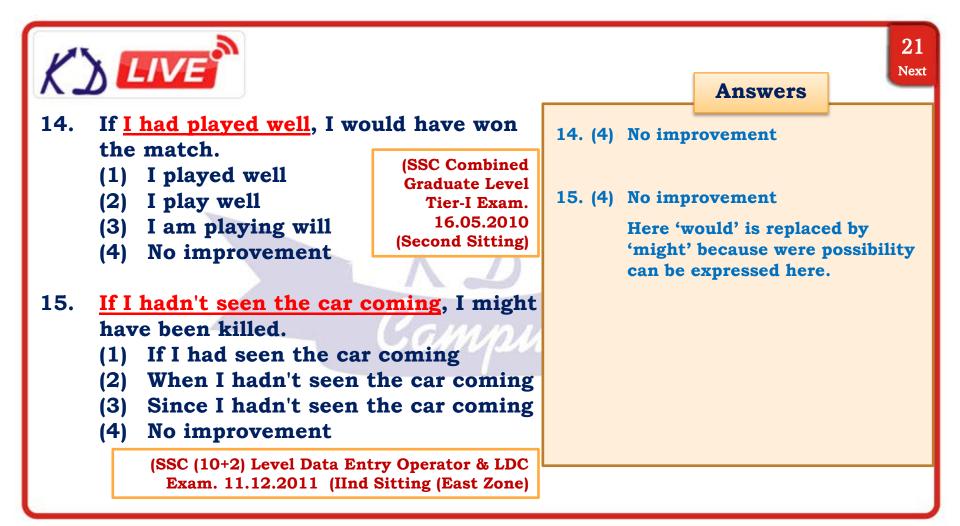
Answers

- 12. (2) Replace 'If you have studied hard' with 'If you had studied hard'. Structure - If + Sub + had + V<sub>3</sub>, S + would have + V<sub>3</sub>.
- 13. (3) Replace 'would not regret' with 'would not have regretted'.

The formula fits here is:

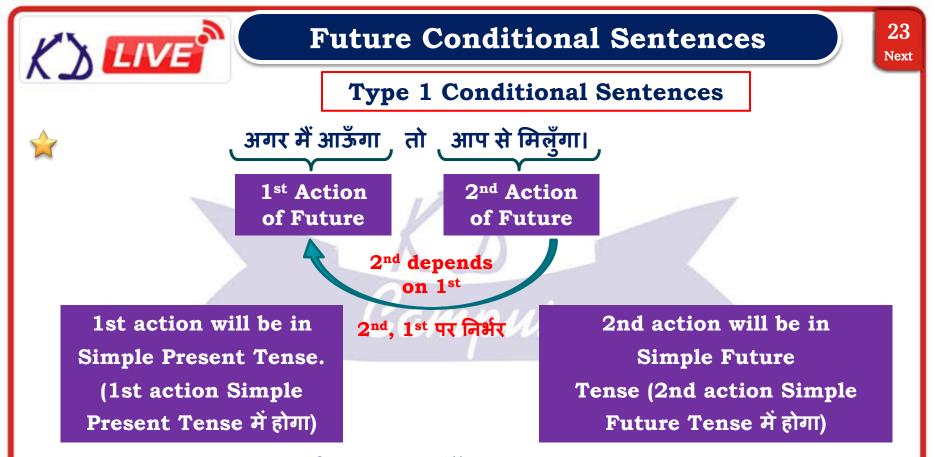
If + subject + had +  $V_3$ , Subject + would + have +  $V_3$ 

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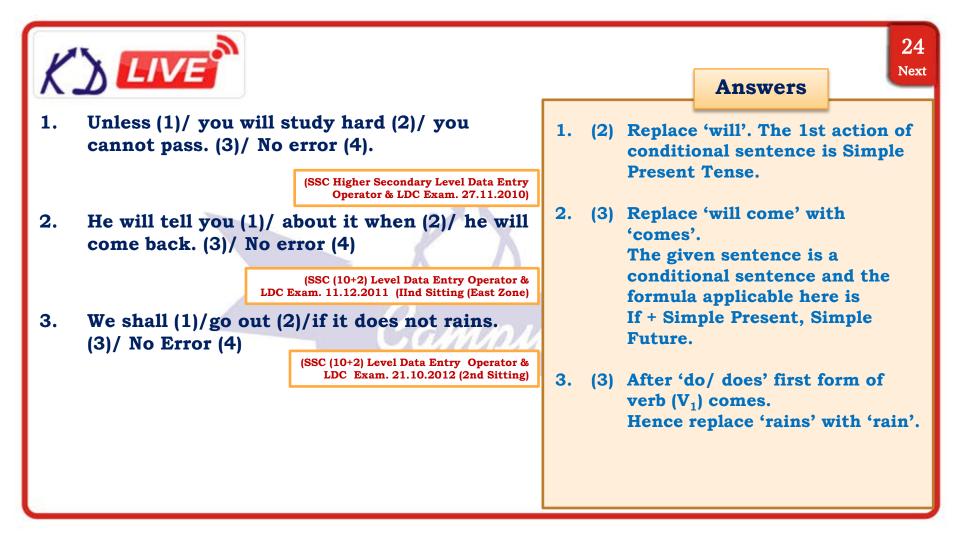


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<ul> <li>16. If I had gone to Mumbai, I your books.</li> <li>(1) would have surely bro</li> <li>(2) could have surely bro</li> <li>(3) might have brought</li> <li>(4) No improvement</li> </ul>	ught (SSC (10+2) Level	16. (1)	with 'we The for If + sub	e 'would surely ould have surel mula here is: ject + had + V <sub>3</sub> - have + V <sub>3</sub>	ly brought'
<ul> <li>17. <u>If I had the money I would have bought the house.</u></li> <li>(1) If I have had the money I would have bought the house.</li> <li>(2) If I had had the money I would have bought the house,</li> <li>(3) If I have the money I would have bought the house.</li> <li>(4) No improvement</li> </ul>		17. (2)	<ul> <li>17. (2) Here 'If I had had money, I would have bought the house' should be used as the structure is :</li> <li>If + sub + had + V<sub>3</sub>, Sub + would have + V<sub>3</sub>.</li> </ul>		e house' structure

(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)



If I come, I will meet you





4. We shall wait (1)/ till you (2)/ will finish your lunch. (3)/ No error. (4)

(SSC Multi-Tasking Staff Exam. 17.03.2013, Ist Sitting)

- 5. If I will play my best I can win any day against anybody.
   (1) against anybody
   (1) against anybody
  - (1) against anybody
  - (2) I can win any day
  - (3) No error
  - (4) If I will play my best
- 6. If you will finish your homework I (1)/ will give you (2)/ an ice-cream. (3)/ No Error (4)

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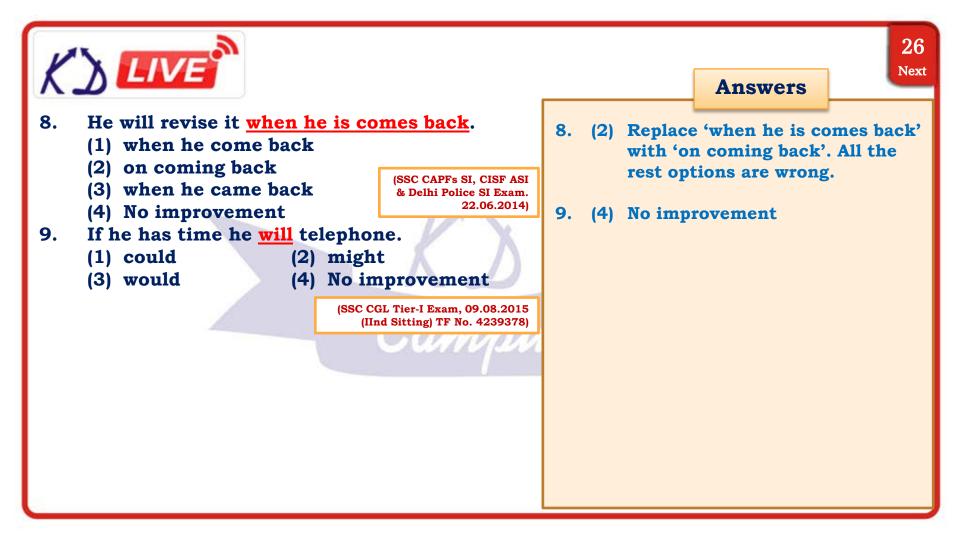
7. We will rest(1)/for sometime when (2)/we will reach the top(3)/No error(4).

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#### Answers

- 4. (3) Replace 'will finish' with 'finish'.
- 5. (4) Replace 'will'.
- 6. (1) Correct formation-If + sub +  $V_1$  + obj +  $S_2$  + will/shall +  $V_1$  + obj. Remove 'will'.
- 7. (3) 1st action will be in Simple Present Tense. 'When' will be followed by Simple Present Tense.

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- 10. If I <u>will get</u> an opportunity, I shall attend the seminar.
  - (1) get (2) got
  - (3) No Improvement (4) shall get

(SSC CGL Tier-I Exam, 16.08.2015 (Ist Sitting) TF No. 3196279)

- 11. Be quick otherwise you would miss the train.
  - (1) otherwise you could have
  - (2) No Improvement
  - (3) otherwise you will
  - (4) otherwise you will have

(SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA Exam, 06.12.2015 (Ist Sitting) TF No. 1375232)

#### Answers

- 10. (1) Replace 'will get' with 'get'. The structure here is: If + Simple Present Tense, Simple Future Tense.
- 11. (3) The structure suggests that Simple Future Tense should be used here. Replace 'otherwise you would' with 'otherwise you will'.

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But for your help, I would have failed.

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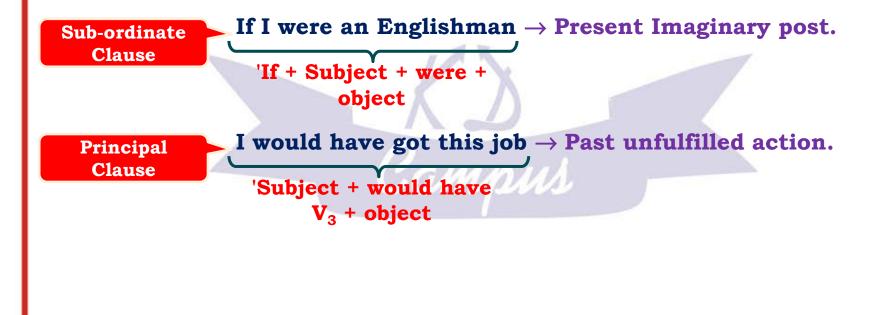
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- (ii) But for his timely arrival, the patient would have died.
- Here 'but for' means 'without'. ('But for' का अर्थ है 'के बिना'))
- Here the sentences are of past hence the Principal Clause is 'Subject + Would have + V<sub>3</sub>'. (यहाँ वाक्य Past के हैं अतः Principal Clause 'Subject + Would have + V<sub>3</sub>'होगा।)
- 2. If I were an Englishman, I would have got this job.
- 3. If you had not helped me, I wouldn't be alive today.

Sentences 2 and 3 are of mixed category.

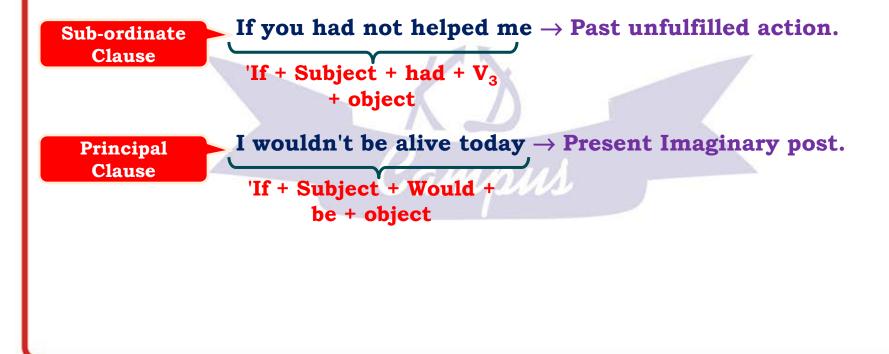


## **Explanation to Sentence 2:**





## **Explanation to Sentence 3:**





- 1. If the car hadn't broken down we will be at the office now.
  - (1) If the car
  - (2) we will be
  - (3) hadn't broken down
  - (4) at the office

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#### Answers

1. (2) Replace 'will be' with 'would be'. This is an example of mixed category.

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## 1. I will go to office after I have finished the household chores.

2. We will come to know the truth after the investigation has finished.

## **Explanation to Sentences 1 and 2:**

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> action takes place after the 1<sup>st</sup> action has finished, we can use 'Present Perfect' in place of 'Simple Present Tense' in the Subordinate Clause. Here the completion of 1<sup>st</sup> action is emphasised. (जब 1<sup>st</sup> action के पूर्ण होने पर जोर दिया जाए तो हम 1<sup>st</sup> action में Simple Present के स्थान पर Present Perfect Tense का प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।



- 1. <u>After the letter reached</u> me, I shall know the result.
  - (1) After the letter reach
  - (2) After the letter will reach
  - (3) After the letter has reached
  - (4) No improvement

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2. (3) Replace 'after the letter reached' with 'After the letter has reached'. Here we emphasise the completion of an action.





- Present Conditional Sentences सीधे-सीधे translate किये जा सकते है।
- If we heat ice, it turns into water. (This sentence is of Universal truth. It comes in type zero conditional sentences.) अगर हम बर्फ गर्म करते है तो वह पानी बन जाता है। (ये वाक्य सार्वभौमिक सत्य का है। ये Type Zero में आता है)
- अगर मैं दिल्ली आता हूँ तो आप से मिलता हूँ। If I come to Delhi, I meet you.
- अगर तुम मेरा इंतजार कर रहे हो, तो कल आओ।
   If you are waiting for me, come tomorrow.
- अगर तुम काम खत्म कर चुके हो, तो तुम घर जा सकते हो।
   If you have finished the work, you may go home.
- अगर वो एक घंटे से सो रहा है, तो मैं उसे तंग नहीं करूँगी।
   If he has been sleeping for an hour, I will not disturb him.



## **Different Types of conditional Sentences**

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Conditional Sentence Type	Usage	If clause verb tense
Zero	General truths	Simple Present
Type 1	A possible condition and its probable result	Simple Present
Type 2	A hypothetical conditional and its probable result	Simple Past
Туре З	An unreal past condition and its probable result in the past	Past Perfect