

C2 GRAMMAR CHECK - TEST 3

Student paper 1 of 2 | Suggested time: 25-30 minutes for both pages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle A, B or C. Work without a dictionary or outside help. You may leave a question blank.

1. He need not have booked a room. This says that he ____.
A. did not book one B. booked one unnecessarily C. was not allowed to book one
2. Not every visitor has to register. This means that ____.
A. no visitor may register B. every visitor must avoid registering C. some visitors may enter without registering
3. Had the fault been detected before yesterday's launch, the team ____ the problem then.
A. had prevented B. might have prevented C. might prevent
4. They spoke as though they had settled the dispute. Their words ____.
A. created an impression of prior settlement B. promised to settle it later C. established the settlement as a fact
5. The frequency with which the errors occurred ____ surprising.
A. were B. was C. have been
6. The files are reported ____ before the inspection took place.
A. to be deleted B. to have deleted C. to have been deleted
7. The reform, ____ its benefits, is beyond our mandate.
A. however B. although C. whatever
8. Only if funding is confirmed ____ the timetable.
A. can we announce B. we could have announced C. we can announce
9. ____ their concern may be, it does not warrant abandoning the trial.
A. Understandable however B. Whatever understandable C. However understandable
10. There is little proof of the accusation, ____ it is untrue.
A. which does not demonstrate that B. what does not demonstrate that C. that does not demonstrate
11. Not only ____ the figures, but they also checked every source.
A. did they examine B. they examined C. they had examined
12. The principles ____ the policy is based remain unchanged.
A. to which B. on which C. for which

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Student paper 2 of 2 | Short answers

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Use the words in **bold** where instructed. Keep the meaning when rewriting.

13. Rewrite using **no matter**. Keep the meaning and time reference.
However cautiously she proceeded, another obstacle would always emerge.

14. Rewrite using **need not have**. Preserve what actually happened.
It was unnecessary for her to print the files, but she printed them.

15. Begin with **Not all**. Preserve the scope of the negative.
It is not the case that all the objections are justified.

16. Begin with **Not until**. Keep the meaning and time reference.
Only after the complaint had been investigated did the board announce its decision.

17. Rewrite using **are said**. Begin with **The emails**.
People say that someone deleted the emails before the inspection.

18. Rewrite beginning with **Had**. Keep the present result.
If we had not missed the deadline, we would be taking part now.

19. Begin with **Under no circumstances** and include **must**.
You must not remove these documents under any circumstances.

20. Rewrite using **Although**. Preserve the uncertainty.
The claim may be legally defensible, but it is not necessarily fair.

C2 GRAMMAR - TEST 3: ANSWERS

Teacher only | Print student pages 1-2 without the answer pages

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Marking

One point per item, maximum 20. Accept the model answers and the alternatives noted. Also accept other grammatical answers that meet the instruction and preserve the meaning. Missing capitals or punctuation do not lose a mark unless meaning is affected.

1. B - booked one unnecessarily

Need not have describes an unnecessary completed action.

2. C - some visitors may enter without registering

Not every expresses a partial requirement, not universal prohibition.

3. B - might have prevented

Possible counterfactual past result; might avoids unwarranted certainty.

4. A - created an impression of prior settlement

As though frames an impression, not an assertion of established fact.

5. B - was

The singular head frequency controls agreement.

6. C - to have been deleted

Perfect passive infinitive for a completed earlier action.

7. C - whatever

Whatever + noun phrase expresses a concession.

8. A - can we announce

Main-clause inversion after fronted only if.

9. C - However understandable

However + adjective introduces a concession.

10. A - which does not demonstrate that

Which links a comment to the whole preceding clause.

11. A - did they examine

Inversion follows fronted not only.

12. B - on which

Be based on becomes on which in the relative clause.

C2 GRAMMAR - TEST 3: WRITTEN KEY

Teacher only | Questions 13-20 and teaching notes

13. No matter how cautiously she proceeded, another obstacle would always emerge.

Retain the past forms and would; free-choice concession.

14. She need not have printed the files.

The action happened. Do not replace this with did not need to alone, which does not establish whether it happened.

15. Not all the objections are justified.

Do not change this to none or all ... not: those can change the scope. Accept a grammatical equivalent beginning Not all.

16. Not until the complaint had been investigated did the board announce its decision.

Preserve the earlier completed action and invert did + subject in the main clause.

17. The emails are said to have been deleted before the inspection.

Use both the reporting passive and perfect passive infinitive. Retain the time clause; the agent can remain unspecified.

18. Had we not missed the deadline, we would be taking part now.

Inverted mixed conditional; retain the present result and now.

19. Under no circumstances must you remove these documents.

Invert must and the subject; do not add not after must. Preserve the prohibition.

20. Although the claim may be legally defensible, it is not necessarily fair.

Retain may and not necessarily; preserve both claims.

Record patterns

Multiple choice: ____ /12 Short answers: ____ /8 Total: ____ /20

Priority grammar / evidence: _____

No validated pass mark is set. Use errors to plan teaching, then check with fresh examples and communication. Tests 1-3 cover matched targets but are not statistically equated; do not interpret a small score change as a level gain.

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