ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Conditionals Type 2 MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 2

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Explanations

1. If he _____ here, he _____ you.
✓ **B) were / would help**
This is the second conditional, used for an unreal situation now (he is not here). Use **if + past simple** (**were**) and **would + verb**: **If he were here, he would help you.**

2. I hoped if I _____ by the 10 o'clock train I _____ change for a bus.
✓ **D) went / shouldn't**
The main verb **hoped** is in the past, so the condition moves into the past: **if I went**. The result uses **should** as an old British form of **would** after **I**. So **I shouldn't change** means 'I wouldn't need to change'. Not **shan't**, because the past form of **shall** is **should**.

3. Mr Bond said if Mr Blake _____ at 10 o'clock he _____ to see him later.
✓ **D) was busy / would come**
This is reported speech after **said**. Mr Bond's words were 'If he **is** busy, I **will** come to see him later', and after a past reporting verb they usually move one tense back: **is** becomes **was** and **will** becomes **would**. Not **were busy / will come**, because a past form in the if-clause cannot go with **will** in the result.

4. _____ your mother wouldn't be angry with you.
✓ **A) If you didn't get bad marks,**
The result clause **wouldn't be angry** shows a second conditional, so the if-clause needs the past simple: **If you didn't get bad marks**. The negative fits the meaning: no bad marks means no anger.

5. If I were you, _____.
✓ **C) I would wait**
If I were you is used to give advice. It is always followed by **would + verb**: **If I were you, I would wait.**

6. If all the seas _____ one sea, what a great sea it _____.
✓ **A) were / would be**
This is an imaginary situation, so it needs the second conditional: **if + past simple** (**were**), then **would + verb** (**would be**). Not **will be**, because that is used for real future possibilities.

7. _____ you really _____ me if I _____ away?
✓ **C) would / follow / went**
This is a second conditional question about an imaginary situation. The question form is **Would you + verb** (**Would you follow**), and the if-clause uses the past simple (**if I went**). Not **will ... goes**, because the subject **I** never takes **goes**.

8. If I _____ you, I _____ him.
✓ **C) were / would help**
Use **If I were you** to give advice. It is followed by **would + verb**: **If I were you, I would help him.**

9. If my brothers _____ time now, they _____ help me.
✓ **E) had / would help**
Now shows an unreal present situation: they don't have time. Use the second conditional, with **if + past simple** (**had**) and **would + verb** (**would help**).

10. If I _____ the power, I _____ people smoking at school and in public places.
✓ **D) had / would stop**
The speaker imagines having power they don't have. That needs the second conditional: if + past simple (**had**) and **would** + verb (**would stop**). Not **had / stopped**, because the result clause needs **would**.

11. If Helen _____ anywhere in the world, she _____ in India.
✓ **C) could live / would live**
Could is the past form of **can**, so it works in the if-clause of a second conditional: **If Helen could live anywhere** means 'if she were able to'. The result uses **would live**.

12. If I _____ you, I _____ harder.
✓ **D) were / would work**
If I were you gives advice and is followed by **would + verb**: **If I were you, I would work harder.**

13. If I _____ you, I _____ it.
✓ **C) were / wouldn't regret**
If I were you is followed by **would + verb**, here in the negative: **I wouldn't regret it.** Not **was / regret**, because the result clause needs **would**.