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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

19ENB101- COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH
I YEAR / I SEMESTER

UNIT 1: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

TOPIC : IF CONDITIONALS



CLAUSE



A grammatical unit which has got subject and predicate and it forms the part of a sentence is called a clause.



Four types of conditional clauses

1. OPEN CONDITION
2. IMPROBABLE CONDITION
3. IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION
4. ZERO CONDITION



1.OPEN CONDITION (Likely to happen)

Format : If clause + simple present +
main clause(sub + will, shall, can,
may) +V1



Exercise



Complete the following sentences

- 1.If I go to Delhi, _____ Taj mahal.
2. If you study well, _____the exam.
3. If it rains, they _____the match.



2. IMPROBABLE CONDITION (Unlikely to happen)

Format: If clause + simple past + main clause (sub + would, should, could, might + V1)

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Exercise



Complete the following sentences:

1. If you invited me , I _____ come to the function.
2. If you asked me , I _____ it to you.



3. IMPOSSIBLE CONDITION (Never and ever going to happen)



Format : If clause + past perfect (had+V3)

+ Main clause (sub + would, should, could,

might + have)+V3



Exercise



Complete the following sentences

- 1.If you had studied well , you _____ the exam.
- 2.If you had informed me, I _____ him at a distance.



4.ZERO CONDITION

This is a universal truth. Universal truth is always conveyed in simple present tense. This is called zero condition.



Exercise



Complete the following sentences

1. If you heat water at 100 c, it _____.
2. If it rains , the ground _____.
3. If you eat a lot, you put _____.



Reference :

<https://www.wallstreetenglish.com/exercises/how-to-use-conditionals-in-english-zero-first-second-third-and-mixed>

