

Subjunctive & Formal Expressions – CAE Practice

Part 1: Complete the Sentences (Subjunctive Form)

1. It is essential that the committee ___ (review) the proposal before Friday.
2. The teacher suggested that he ___ (retake) the exam.
3. The council demanded that the building ___ (be) inspected immediately.
4. It is vital that she ___ (arrive) on time.
5. His lawyer insisted that he ___ (be) released without delay.

Part 2: Rewrite Using the Subjunctive

1. It is important for students to submit their forms on time. → It is important that...
2. The manager said: 'Replace the old equipment.' → The manager demanded that...
3. It is necessary for visitors to wear ID badges. → It is necessary that...
4. They said it was a good idea for us to meet earlier. → They suggested that...

Part 3: Choose the Correct Option

1. It is crucial that every employee (attend / attends) the training.
2. They insisted that the report (be / is) updated.
3. It is recommended that she (should take / takes) a break.
4. The director proposed that the event (start / starts) earlier.

Part 4: Fixed Expressions – Fill in the Missing Words

1. _____ forbid something should go wrong.
2. _____ it to say, the project was not successful.
3. Come what _____, we will continue.
4. Be that as it _____, we must follow the guidelines.

Part 5: Error Correction

1. ✗ It is vital that she arrives early.
2. ✗ They suggested that he to speak to HR.

3. The director demanded that the policy is changed.
4. It is essential that the documents will be submitted today.

Answer Key

Part 1

1. review
2. retake
3. be
4. arrive
5. be

Part 2

1. It is important that students submit their forms on time.
2. The manager demanded that the old equipment be replaced.
3. It is necessary that visitors wear ID badges.
4. They suggested that we meet earlier.

Part 3

1. attend
2. be
3. should take
4. start

Part 4

1. Heaven forbid
2. Suffice it
3. may
4. may

Part 5

1. It is vital that she arrive early.
2. They suggested that he speak to HR.
3. The director demanded that the policy be changed.
4. It is essential that the documents be submitted today.