ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Can or May Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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1. Look! My little brother ___ ride a bike without any help now.
A) may **B)** might **C)** can **D)** mays

2. Which question is the most formal way to ask for permission?
A) May I open the window?
B) Can I open the window?
C) I can open the window?
D) Do I may open the window?

3. It ___ be very windy on this beach, even in summer.
A) is able to **B)** can to
C) can **D)** is can

4. In careful writing: take an umbrella. It ___ rain this afternoon.
A) can **B)** is able to
C) cans **D)** may

5. "___ I help you?" asked the shop assistant with a smile.
A) May **B)** Do **C)** Am **D)** Has

6. You ___ swim here: the water is too deep and there is no lifeguard.
A) can **B)** may **C)** can't **D)** might

7. A sign in the library says: "Visitors may not bring food inside." What does it mean?
A) Perhaps visitors will not bring food.
B) Visitors are not able to carry food.
C) Visitors will certainly bring food.
D) Visitors are not allowed to bring food.

8. Liam isn't answering his phone. He ___ be asleep.
A) can **B)** may **C)** cans **D)** is able

9. That ___ be Sam at the door: he's on holiday in Spain.
A) can **B)** can't **C)** may **D)** must

10. When I was five, I ___ already read short books.
A) can **B)** may **C)** might **D)** could

11. "Could I borrow your ruler?" "Yes, of course you ___."
A) can **B)** could **C)** may to **D)** might

12. I'm not sure about Saturday. I ___ not be free.
A) can **B)** do **C)** may **D)** am

13. I'd love to ___ play the piano one day.
A) can **B)** be able to
C) may **D)** could

14. I ___ open this jar: the lid is stuck.
A) can't **B)** may not
C) mayn't **D)** might not to

15. Which sentence uses can for permission?
A) She can speak three languages.
B) You can sit anywhere you like.
C) It can get very hot in July.
D) He can't be at home yet.

16. ___ you both have a long and happy life together!
A) Can **B)** May **C)** Do **D)** Are

17. We ___ to stay up late last night because it was New Year's Eve.
A) may **B)** can
C) were allowed **D)** might

18. Look at those dark clouds. It ___ well rain before lunch.
A) can **B)** may **C)** is able **D)** cans

19. I ___ wait for the school trip next week! I'm so excited.
A) may not **B)** mayn't
C) might not **D)** can't

20. My sister ___ speak Spanish and French, and she's learning Italian.
A) cans **B)** may **C)** can to **D)** can

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