A1 A2 LEVEL GRAMMAR TESTS

Modal Verbs Test A1 – A2 Grammar Exercises

20 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
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1. A: You are ill. You _____ on the balcony. It isn't warm outside.

B: I'm wearing warm clothes. Don't worry.
A) needn't sit **B)** can sit
C) must sit **D)** mustn't sit

2. A: I don't want to leave my phone at the desk before I enter the exam hall. _____?

B: Unfortunately, yes. It is the rule.
A) Can I **B)** Must I **C)** May I **D)** Could I

3. A: You _____ wash those strawberries. I've already washed them.

B: Oh, good. Thank you.
A) needn't **B)** must
C) couldn't **D)** can

4. I _____ tell the time when I was 8 years old, but now I can.
A) can **B)** couldn't
C) can't **D)** could

5. A: _____ help you?

B: Yes, please. I'm looking for a leather jacket.
A) Must I **B)** Have I **C)** Can I **D)** Did I

6. A: Betty _____ pay her rent today.

B: I hope she has enough money.
A) can **B)** must **C)** needn't **D)** can't

7. Margaret _____ speak Italian and English, so she _____ work with a translator on this project.
A) needn't / mustn't **B)** can't / couldn't
C) can / needn't **D)** must / mustn't

8. A: I _____ open this jar.

B: Let me help you. _____ use a knife?

A: No problem.
A) can't / Can I **B)** mustn't / Must I
C) needn't / May I **D)** can / Could I

9. A: _____ turn up the volume of the radio? This is my favourite song.

B: Sure. You _____ ask me. I'm never disturbed by the music.
A) May I / can't **B)** Could I / must
C) Must I / could **D)** Can I / needn't

10. A: _____ ask you a question?

B: Yes, sure, but I _____ answer it if it is about my private life.
A) Do I / needn't **B)** Can I / couldn't
C) May I / can't **D)** Did I / could

11. A: I _____ work hard during the weekend.

B: Why?

A: I _____ finish my weekly task yesterday.
A) can / mustn't **B)** mustn't / must
C) can't / needn't **D)** must / couldn't

12. She _____ smoke because she is pregnant and it is harmful to the baby.
A) needn't **B)** couldn't
C) mustn't **D)** can

13. I _____ get a visa to go to England. I'm a British citizen.
A) couldn't **B)** mustn't
C) can't **D)** needn't

14. A: _____ read and write when you were 5?

B: No, I _____.
A) Could you / couldn't **B)** Can you / can't
C) May I / must **D)** Must I / needn't

15. A: _____ pay any money for this treatment?

B: No, you _____.
A) Can I / didn't **B)** Must I / needn't
C) May I / must **D)** Could I / do

16. This medicine _____ heal you. Give it a try.
A) can **B)** needn't
C) mustn't **D)** couldn't

17. You _____ give up. You are strong enough to overcome this problem.
A) mustn't **B)** needn't **C)** must **D)** can

18. A: Jeremy _____ come to the dinner party today.

B: I know. As far as I know, he _____ go on a business trip.
A) can / hasn't **B)** needn't / mustn't
C) can't / must **D)** mustn't / has

19. A: I _____ speak English fluently before I stayed in England for a year.

B: But now you _____. That's very good.
A) could / could **B)** must / needn't
C) couldn't / can **D)** mustn't / must

20. A: _____ see your passport?

B: Why _____ show it?

A: Because I need to see a picture ID.

A) Could I / may I **B)** May I / could I
C) Must I / can I **D)** Can I / must I

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