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1. You _____ your own canoe in order to join the canoe club. They cost a lot of money. You _____ mine whenever you want to canoe.
A) mustn't buy / had borrowed
B) won't have bought / should borrow
C) needn't buy / can borrow
D) might not buy / would borrow
E) can't buy / used to borrow

2. He is so poor now it's hard to believe that when he was young, he _____ down the street in his Rolls Royce or sometimes his Jaguar car.
A) has been driving **B)** would drive
C) should have driven **D)** has driven
E) may be driving

3. Just as my daughter was about to leave the house on her wedding day, my son spilt some tea on her dress. Fortunately, we _____ the stain with some special soap before the wedding took place.
A) were able to remove
B) must have removed
C) might have removing
D) could remove
E) used to remove

4. A: Is Julian not visiting Aunt May with us today?

B: Well, he has been called out to an emergency, but he _____ us there if he finishes early.
A) has joined **B)** could have joined
C) was joining **D)** might join
E) would be joining

5. A: What were you doing at the bank yesterday?

B: I _____ my bank manager for a loan to repair our house, and luckily, I managed to get it.
A) must have asked **B)** used to ask
C) had to ask **D)** should have asked
E) ought to ask

6. A: I can't believe Jane isn't here to collect her award.

B: She _____ the invitation. We definitely should have checked that she had got it.
A) would rather not receive
B) had better not receive
C) isn't supposed to receive
D) needn't have received
E) must not have received

7. A: Did you speak to Sam about the plans for the cake sale to raise money for charity?

B: Yes, I did, and she _____ bake some biscuits and cakes if she has time.
A) might be able to **B)** was able to
C) used to **D)** had better
E) has had to

8. Our plane _____ in Cairo hours ago, but we haven't even taken off from Heathrow yet.
A) was supposed to land
B) must have landed
C) ought to be landing
D) will have landed
E) might be landing

9. This steak is a little bit undercooked for my taste. _____ putting it back under the grill for another five minutes?
A) Why don't you **B)** Would you mind
C) Would you like **D)** Do you prefer
E) Do you mind if I

10. A: I wonder why Mary didn't want to come shopping in Oxford Street with us.

B: I don't know. She _____ short of money these days because her new kitchen cost her a lot of money.
A) will be **B)** has been
C) can be **D)** would be
E) could be

11. I _____ to the office to send e-mail any longer. The company has bought me a laptop computer and a mobile phone which can be used for electronic mail and the Internet.
A) didn't use to return
B) may not return
C) needn't have returned
D) don't have to return
E) must not have returned

12. You _____ so envious of your brother. He is successful because, unlike you, he works extremely hard.
A) haven't been **B)** won't be
C) weren't **D)** shouldn't be
E) may not be

13. Oh dear, we seem to have run out of salt. I _____ to the corner shop before dinner.
A) am able to go **B)** needn't go
C) could have gone **D)** must have gone
E) will have to go

14. I can't understand why Dad is now so careful with his money. He _____ such a generous person.
A) would be **B)** has been
C) used to be **D)** will be
E) must be

15. Trade is so poor these days! We _____ just two cars since I started working here a month ago.
A) have been able to sell
B) used to sell
C) had to sell
D) will have sold
E) are supposed to sell

16. A: _____ we drive to Sultan Ahmet in our new car?

B: Well, I _____ take the ferry to avoid the traffic.
A) May / must **B)** Can / would like
C) Must / prefer **D)** Shall / would sooner
E) Would / had better

17. I was going to write my essay about the British nuclear tests in the Australian desert, but I _____ the topic when I _____ much information about them.
A) have changed / wasn't able to find
B) had to change / couldn't find
C) must change / haven't found
D) might have changed / don't find
E) used to change / might not find

18. _____ you do me a favour, please? _____ you ask Mrs Green if the interview room is available?
A) Might / May **B)** May / Could
C) Would / Do **D)** Shall / Might
E) Could / Would

19. I was falling asleep while I was typing my speech last night. The only way I _____ awake was by drinking lots of strong coffee.
A) ought to stay **B)** would rather stay
C) have stayed **D)** may stay
E) was able to stay

20. _____ you hold this shelf here while I go and get my hammer?
A) May **B)** Must **C)** Should **D)** Will
E) Shall

21. The tyres of my car _____ thin already. I only replaced them in January. I'll have to buy better quality ones next time.
A) shouldn't have worn
B) needn't have worn
C) didn't wear
D) aren't supposed to wear
E) haven't worn

22. According to their letter, we _____ them with a copy of our company's accounts before we can order any cars on contract hire.
A) have supplied **B)** have to supply
C) may have supplied **D)** used to supply
E) had supplied

23. I suppose I _____ to type his report for him, but, at the time, I didn't know how important it was.
A) have had to offer **B)** may have offered
C) could have offered **D)** would rather offer
E) was able to offer

24. A: Why is Mom still in the hospital? She _____ home today.

B: They wanted to do some more tests.
A) must have come
B) was supposed to come
C) had better come
D) used to come
E) may have come

25. I'd like to have some people for dinner tonight, but it is too late to ask anyone because they _____ their plans already.
A) had better make **B)** used to make
C) are making **D)** may have made
E) can make

26. George _____ better in the tennis tournament than I thought he _____ because he got through to the finals.
A) must have played / could
B) will have played / ought to
C) should be playing / did
D) ought to play / can
E) had better play / should

27. Ever since he took on this part-time job, he _____ enough time on his studies.
A) can't spend
B) isn't able to spend
C) hasn't been able to spend
D) wasn't able to spend
E) couldn't spend

28. Now that they have raised the prices at the gym, I _____ going there or I'll have difficulty paying it.
A) must have stopped **B)** used to stop
C) had better stop **D)** might have stopped
E) had stopped

29. My brother's eyesight is perfect, but I _____ glasses since I was seven years old.
A) ought to wear **B)** must have worn
C) have to wear **D)** had better wear
E) have had to wear

30. Would you mind if I _____ these trade magazines home to read? I never get time to read them in the office.
A) to take **B)** took
C) am taking **D)** taking
E) have taken

31. I am really surprised that Robby hasn't signed up yet for the skiing holiday this year. He _____ the first to book every year.
A) will be **B)** may have been
C) had better be **D)** could be
E) used to be

32. Your mother _____ a restaurant. She is such a wonderful cook. If she opened a restaurant, I'm sure it would be full every night.
A) must have opened **B)** used to open
C) should open **D)** would open
E) was able to open

33. We _____ offices soon. I saw the boss this morning viewing the new office block next to the station.
A) would rather be moving
B) had better move
C) would have moved
D) may be moving
E) have been moving

34. A: Peter in the accounts department retired yesterday.

B: He _____ permanently yesterday. I saw him at his desk only this morning.

A: Oh well, he had his retirement presentation yesterday, but perhaps that was because the chairman was here. Maybe he is leaving on Friday.
A) can't have left **B)** ought not to leave
C) hasn't left **D)** needn't have left
E) had better not leave

35. A: Did you have a busy day at the shop? If you did, you _____ rushed off your feet without me there.

B: No, I wasn't. It was quite a quiet day.
A) must have been **B)** have been
C) used to be **D)** would rather be
E) might be

36. I was just about to buy a new pair when the police rang to say my handbag had been found with my glasses still inside. So I _____ a new pair after all.
A) needn't have bought
B) mustn't buy
C) wasn't supposed to buy
D) shouldn't have bought
E) didn't need to buy

37. A: Why is she still perspiring? She _____ too hot. I've taken her jumper off.

B: In that case, she _____ a fever. You'd better take her temperature.
A) can't be / must have
B) isn't / would rather have
C) wouldn't be / is having
D) needn't be / ought to have
E) shouldn't be / had

38. Please, Mum, _____ I watch the film tonight? I have finished all my homework.
A) would **B)** may **C)** do **D)** should
E) must

39. I really missed Istanbul, where I lived when I was younger. On summer evenings, we _____ along the coast by the Sea of Marmara when the sun was setting behind Kınalıada.
A) ought to walk **B)** have walked
C) would walk **D)** had walked
E) might walk

40. A: Julester looks so slim.

B: Has she been dieting?

A: Not that I am aware of.

B: Well, she _____ very hard then. She goes horse riding, doesn't she?
A) must have been exercising
B) was exercising
C) had better exercise
D) was able to exercise
E) will have been exercising

41. You _____ a tie on Friday. They don't let men into the restaurant unless they are wearing a tie.
A) would wear **B)** have to wear
C) can wear **D)** may wear
E) could wear

42. Jennifer _____ the promotion that she is expecting as she hasn't reached her sales target yet.
A) shouldn't have got **B)** hadn't got
C) didn't use to get **D)** wasn't getting
E) may not get

43. Mom, according to what the doctor instructed you to do, you _____ any salt on your food. You know! If you insist on eating that much salt, you are bound to have another heart attack!
A) needn't have put
B) didn't use to put
C) haven't put
D) don't have to put
E) aren't supposed to put

44. Alfred _____ his ankle badly as we _____ in the mountains last Saturday.
A) used to sprain / hiked
B) has sprained / could be hiking
C) must have sprained / have hiked
D) sprained / were hiking
E) may sprain / have been hiking

45. _____ I look after Catty for a couple of hours so that you and Kevin can go to the cinema?
A) Would **B)** Let **C)** Do **D)** Did
E) Shall

46. During the strike of the railway workers, many commuters _____ a taxi to and from work, sharing it between three or four people so that they could afford it.
A) have been hiring **B)** had to hire
C) ought to hire **D)** will be hiring
E) might hire

47. We _____ by the river, but unfortunately, the riverside car park was full.

A) should be parking **B)** had parked
C) had better park **D)** were going to park
E) are supposed to park

48. You _____ some more appointments to get some more business. You're never going to achieve your sales target at this rate.

A) used to make **B)** were making
C) should make **D)** have made
E) would make

49. You haven't got time to do the gardening. I think you _____ a gardener, don't you?

A) ought to employ
B) have employed
C) are employing
D) must have employed
E) employed

50. I'm glad that you _____ your father to let you come on this trip with us. It wouldn't be so enjoyable without you!

A) must have persuaded
B) could have persuaded
C) might be persuading
D) were able to persuade
E) used to persuade

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