ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Modals and Auxiliary Verbs Test 1

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1. I _____ travel by coach to New York last week because the airline pilots were on strike.
A) ought to **B)** need to
C) had to **D)** am to
E) should

2. You _____ your doctor before you started dieting.
A) might consult
B) can consult
C) have to consult
D) should have consulted
E) the most consulted

3. My dictionary isn't in its usual place; someone _____ it.
A) should be borrowed **B)** can borrow
C) might borrow **D)** must have borrowed
E) ought to borrow

4. It is so hot and dry here; I wish I _____ on holiday soon.
A) had gone **B)** have gone
C) could go **D)** will go
E) could have gone

5. Of all the paintings in the exhibition here, that one _____ most attention so far.
A) receives **B)** would have received
C) would receive **D)** has received
E) will receive

6. He just _____ help doing the things that he does. He _____ get some medical help.
A) can / might **B)** shouldn't / can
C) can't / should **D)** has got / doesn't
E) might have / might

7. You _____ have come to see me today. I am feeling much better and _____ get around by myself now.
A) need / can **B)** needn’t / am able to
C) might / shouldn't **D)** haven't / couldn't
E) ought to / may not

8. He _____ to get into the house even though he didn't have a key.
A) shall **B)** will
C) might **D)** couldn’t
E) was able

9. Jane _____ passed the exam if she had studied a little harder.
A) could **B)** wouldn't
C) could have **D)** has had
E) might

10. My mother told me that I _____ swim at the age of 4 but that I later became afraid of the water.
A) would have **B)** could
C) had **D)** mightn't
E) can

11. _____ you give me a hand with this report? I'll never finish it if you don't.
A) can **B)** may
C) ought to **D)** needn't
E) would not

12. I _____ go with John than with Tim. Tim is never on time.
A) would rather **B)** rather
C) could not **D)** may be able
E) should have

13. I _____ sit at home this evening than go out to dinner with the Joneses.
A) could **B)** had better
C) might **D)** should
E) would rather

14. _____ you see who's at the door? It _____ be Jane. She had said that she _____ drop by today if she had time.
A) would / may / might
B) could / will / had
C) may / has to be / could have
D) can / mustn't / could
E) might / need / wouldn't

15. _____ I see you in my office in the next hour?
A) had **B)** mustn't
C) ought to **D)** may
E) would

16. I saw Diana downtown yesterday. She _____ going to the new shop that opened on Main Street. She had mentioned that she _____ visit the new shop when she got a chance to.
A) wouldn't be / might
B) ought to be / needn't
C) was / hadn't to
D) didn’t have to / must
E) could have been / would

17. -- "_____ we visit the Jones family tomorrow evening?"

-- "I _____ prefer to stay home."
A) will / need **B)** should / ought to
C) shall / would **D)** can / could
E) may / can

18. I _____ be home tonight, but I _____ be home tomorrow.

A) will / will **B)** won't / might
C) might / had to **D)** used to / may
E) have got to / used

19. It is awfully late; I _____ start home now.

A) would **B)** haven’t got
C) used to **D)** would soon
E) had better

20. "Who is that?"
"I'm not sure, but it _____ be the new mailman."

A) may **B)** could have
C) will **D)** shouldn't have
E) shall

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