ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Modals MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 1

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1. Why didn't you help him? You _____ have done it.
A) must **B)** can
C) could **D)** were to
E) was able to

2. A: _____ I phone you tonight?

B: Yes, you _____.
A) may / may **B)** must / might
C) could / can't **D)** shouldn't / shouldn't
E) have to / had to

3. But I _____ stay in England for six months, and not for a fortnight as I had planned.
A) had to **B)** have to
C) am able to **D)** can
E) shall have

4. - I _____ draw a circle with a pencil only, and you?

- Neither can I.
A) can't **B)** can **C)** may **D)** shan't
E) couldn't

5. Last week I _____ go to town on a business trip as the Ministry of Education had asked me to come.
A) had to **B)** might
C) should **D)** could
E) was able to

6. If one person is careless with a library book, then it _____ be read by others.
A) can't **B)** couldn't
C) may **D)** can
E) needn't

7. After a book is written, it passes through the hands of very many different workers. Each worker works carefully, for there _____ not be any mistakes.
A) must **B)** couldn't
C) could **D)** might
E) has to

8. He tried, but _____ persuade nobody.
A) could **B)** couldn't
C) can **D)** might
E) won't

9. People who know a foreign language _____ learn a second one easily.
A) can to **B)** are able
C) mustn't **D)** can
E) needn't

10. _____ I have a word with you, please?
A) may **B)** had to
C) have to **D)** must
E) am able to

11. At first I _____ skate well, now I _____.
A) couldn't / can **B)** may / can
C) mustn't / can **D)** should / shouldn't
E) must / needn't

12. She said they _____ go to the cinema if they liked.
A) must **B)** may **C)** can **D)** had to
E) could

13. - What is your sister doing?

- She _____ be watching TV.
A) may **B)** can't
C) needn't **D)** has to
E) is able to

14. I didn't want to go there but I _____.
A) must **B)** might **C)** shall **D)** can't
E) had to

15. - _____ I go there now?

- No, you _____.
A) can / hadn't to **B)** am / aren't
C) must / needn't **D)** might / could
E) should / will

16. - Where is he? - He _____ be walking in the park. He always goes there at this time.
A) can't **B)** is able to
C) needn't **D)** must
E) may to

17. Visitors _____ stay in the hospital after ten pm.
A) might not **B)** needn't
C) don't have to **D)** must not
E) didn't have to

18. We had an appointment yesterday afternoon but he _____ see me.
A) might not **B)** cannot
C) have to **D)** mustn't
E) wasn't able to

19. I didn't _____ ring her up, for she did it herself.
A) had to **B)** could **C)** be to **D)** have to
E) must

20. The rain was so sudden that everybody _____ take shelter.

A) can **B)** could **C)** have to **D)** are to **E)** had to

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