ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Modals MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 5

20 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations: https://englishtestsonline.com/modals-test-5/

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1. A little girl comes up to her mother and asks if she _____ go to the park with her friend.
A) couldn't **B)** can't
C) must **D)** may
E) has to

2. If you are ill and _____ go to school, you _____ learn everything you have missed.
A) can / must **B)** can't / must
C) may / can **D)** has to / may
E) can't / might

3. The dog had run away and the children _____ find it though they were looking for it the whole day.
A) can **B)** can't
C) could **D)** may
E) could not

4. As Mr. John hadn't got the dictionary at hand, he _____ guess the meaning of the word.
A) should **B)** can **C)** has to **D)** must
E) had to

5. Mark Twain _____ easily _____ across the Mississippi River.
A) must / swim **B)** had to / swam
C) may / swim **D)** would / to swim
E) could / swim

6. It was late but the pupils _____ stay at school for an additional lesson.
A) can **B)** must **C)** had to **D)** needed
E) might

7. The children have done their homework. I think they _____ have a rest now.
A) may **B)** mustn't
C) are **D)** need
E) are able

8. - Shall I retell the text?

- _____. You can only translate it.
A) Yes, you will **B)** Do, please
C) No, you didn't **D)** No, you needn't
E) Yes, you may

9. Patient: Must I go to the hospital?

Doctor: No, you _____. You _____ stay at home.
A) can't / had to **B)** mustn't / had to
C) needn't / may **D)** are able to / can
E) shouldn't / might

10. It _____ rain today. There are so many clouds in the sky.
A) can **B)** has to **C)** may **D)** need
E) mustn't

11. I understood that he _____ never _____ back.
A) will / came **B)** doesn't / came
C) won't / home **D)** would / come
E) wouldn't / come

12. My son is ill, so I _____ stay at home.
A) mustn't **B)** has to **C)** can **D)** may
E) have to

13. A: Must I do it?

B: No, you _____. It isn't necessary.
A) couldn't **B)** may not
C) needn't **D)** can't
E) shouldn't

14. I feel ill and very tired, so I _____ go to school.
A) can **B)** could
C) haven't to **D)** am not able to
E) am able to

15. He was very poor and _____ marry a woman eight years older than himself.
A) must **B)** could **C)** needed **D)** had to
E) might

16. By law, children _____ go to school at the age of 7.
A) can **B)** must **C)** may **D)** has to
E) could

17. - _____ I trouble you for a moment?

- Yes, certainly. What _____ I do for you?
A) Can / might **B)** May / can
C) Must / may **D)** Could / may
E) Could / might

18. He _____ know her address. Ask him.
A) need **B)** must **C)** can't **D)** needn't
E) have to

19. You knew he was ill. You _____ have visited him.
A) can **B)** might **C)** need **D)** have to
E) may

20. May I take this pen? No, you _____.
A) can **B)** may
C) mustn't **D)** need
E) haven't to