ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Modals MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 8

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1. They are very busy now, but they _____ do this the day after tomorrow, when they are free.
A) will can **B)** can to
C) must **D)** will be able to
E) were able to

2. I _____ write to Ann. I haven't written to her for ages.
A) can **B)** must **C)** had to **D)** could
E) may

3. This work is urgent. It _____ be done at once.
A) can **B)** must **C)** ought **D)** has
E) may

4. The teacher said they _____ all go home.
A) might to **B)** has to
C) might **D)** can to
E) be able to

5. - How _____ I get to the nearest bus stop?

- You _____ go straight and then turn to the left.
A) must / can **B)** can / must
C) should / may **D)** must / may
E) could / might

6. Oh, you are seriously ill. I think you _____ consult a doctor and if he tells you to stay in bed you _____ do.
A) may / might **B)** must / can't
C) should / must **D)** have to / couldn't
E) has to / may

7. Tom _____ pass his exam in Literature and now he is working hard as he _____ take it again.
A) can't / was able **B)** must / had to
C) may / could **D)** couldn't / has to
E) can't / had to

8. A: _____ I come in?

B: No, you _____. I am very busy now. I _____ write a report.
A) Can / can / must
B) Must / may not / had to
C) May / can't / must
D) May / may not / can
E) Must / mustn't / may

9. A: _____ I smoke here?

B: No, you _____.
A) Can / may **B)** May / don't
C) Can / should **D)** Can / can't
E) May / need

10. You _____ break the body but you _____ break the spirit.
A) may / can't **B)** could / can't
C) must / must **D)** can / might not
E) may / may

11. He _____ tell you how glad he is.
A) was able to **B)** couldn't
C) can't **D)** had to
E) have

12. He said that I _____ telephone him any time I liked.
A) can **B)** will
C) might **D)** have to
E) will have to

13. I have a terrible headache. I _____ do anything.
A) could **B)** can **C)** should **D)** can't
E) might

14. - _____ your son speak English?

- No, but he _____ when he was a schoolboy.
A) Has to / must **B)** Could / may
C) Might / can **D)** Can / could
E) May / must

15. Which sentence contains a synonym of the modal verb "**must**"?
A) I might be wrong.
B) We may go there.
C) He needs a dictionary.
D) You can say anything.
E) He was to go to the south.

16. You _____ easily find the newspaper now where his article was printed.
A) might to **B)** need
C) couldn't **D)** had to
E) can

17. He said that his father was ill and they _____ go to see the doctor yesterday.
A) can **B)** had to
C) are able **D)** can't
E) may

18. Sorry, I _____ go with you. I _____ finish my work.
A) may not / must **B)** couldn't / have to
C) mustn't / can **D)** can't / must
E) am / could

19. Last year in April I _____ use my umbrella more often than in May.

A) must **B)** can
C) were able **D)** had to
E) may

20. "_____ I have another cup of tea?"

A) Must **B)** Am **C)** May **D)** Would
E) Need

21. - I wonder where the chief is.

- He _____ be in his office. I've seen him this morning.

A) is able to **B)** can
C) have to **D)** must
E) had to

22. "I _____ go, Padre, the students will be waiting for me."

A) is to **B)** can **C)** be able **D)** must
E) may

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