

NEGATIVE PREFIXES & MODAL VERBS OF FUTURE POSSIBILITY

A/ NEGATIVE PREFIXES

Task 1. Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix: "un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-". (12 pts)

1 ____ comfortable	2 ____ patient	3 ____ honest	4 ____ lucky
5 ____ formal	6 ____ possible	7 ____ popular	8 ____ lock
9 ____ appear	10 ____ agree	11 ____ legal	12 ____ polite
13 ____ like	14 ____ logical	15 ____ convenient	

Task 2. Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix. (15 pts)

"un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-"

1 ____ frequent	6 ____ believable	11 ____ relevant
2 ____ mature	7 ____ approve	12 ____ dependent
3 ____ legible	8 ____ curable	13 ____ responsible
4 ____ moral	9 ____ familiar	14 ____ accurate
5 ____ regular	10 ____ grateful	15 ____ resistible

Task 3. Complete the sentences by adding the correct pre-fix for each word. (20 pts)

- 1 It's rather _____ polite if you don't say 'Please' a lot in English.
- 2 My parents are extremely generous with their time and money. They are very _____ selfish.
- 3 If the traffic is bad, it'll be _____ possible to get to the match on time.
- 4 It's _____ legal to drive along that street; it's for pedestrians only.
- 5 My mum thought a burglar had been in my bedroom, but it's always really _____ tidy.
- 6 It was completely _____ responsible of you to go away for the weekend without telling us.
- 7 Mike's pretty _____ happy about going on holiday with his girlfriend's parents.
- 8 I never know when to expect the post. It's so _____ regular.
- 9 Taking a large suitcase on a waling holiday is a bit _____ practical.
- 10 Something that is _____ adequate is not good enough.
- 11 A person who can't read and write is _____ literate.

- 12 If something is _____ edible, it means it cannot be eaten.
- 13 Something that is _____ reversible cannot be changed back.
- 14 If somebody is _____ reliable, you cannot trust or depend on them.
- 15 If something is _____ legitimate, it means it is not allowed or accepted.
- 16 A person who is _____ honest cheats others.
- 17 If you get something _____ solicited, you didn't ask for it and you don't want it.
- 18 Something that is _____ measurable is too big to be measured.
- 19 If something is _____ perfect, it is not completely correct.
- 20 If your love is _____ requited, it means that the person you're in love with doesn't love you.

Task 4. Use the **negative prefixes** and the **adjectives** given to complete the sentences! (8 pts)

possible - honest - sociable - patient

legal - responsible - pleasant – polite

1. My aunt's children are so _____. They never say please and thank you.
2. Tim's really _____. He never tells the truth.
3. I wish I wasn't so _____, but I really don't like going out or talking to new people.
4. Don't be so _____. I'll be ready in 5 minutes.
5. Liz can be really _____ sometimes. She seems like upsetting people.
6. This maths problem is _____. I can't do it.
7. I wouldn't ask Jack to look after my little brother. He's too _____.
8. In Britain, it's _____ to drive under the age of 17.

B/ FUTURE POSSIBILITY AND PROBABILITY MODALS

Task 1. Choose the correct modal to complete the sentence. (10 pts)

- 1 You _____ yourself when you attend the conference in Paris next week, so you should learn how to do so in French before going.
- ? could probably have to introduce
- ? will probably have to introduce
- ? must probably introduce
- 2 It's fortunate that you are here to give me a hand. Without your help, I _____

? have to finish on time.

? probably won't finish on time.

? couldn't have finished on time.

3 PERSON A: Are you going to travel anywhere on your vacation?

PERSON B: It all depends on airline prices. I _____

? could have.

? maybe.

? might.

4 If you take the apartment, you _____ the rent at the start of each month.

? will probably be responsible for paying

? may have responsibility for paying

? will be responsible for paying

5 If the package is to arrive on time, we _____ before the weekend.

? will have to mail it

? will probably mail it

? couldn't mail it

6 You have some time to make up your mind about taking the job. You _____ until Friday.

? don't have to tell me your decision

? didn't have to tell me your decision

? must tell me your decision

7 Yesterday, I saw Ted looking at diamond rings in a jewelry store. In my opinion, he _____.

? is going to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

? might have to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

? must be going to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

8 I've gained so much weight lately, my suit _____

? will have to fit.

? couldn't fit.

? will probably not fit.

- 9 Wendy has a job interview tomorrow afternoon. I told her she _____.
? will probably have to dress conservatively and be on time.
? will have to dress conservatively and be on time.
? may have to dress conservatively and be on time.
- 10 Jill hasn't been feeling too well lately. She _____ the party on Friday night.
? maybe not able to attend
? must not be able to attend
? may not be able to attend

Task 2. Add the correct modal to the prediction: **Will, may, might or won't.** (8 pts)

- 1 People _____ develop telepathy in the future (impossible)
2 The space explorers _____ find water on Mars (probable)
3 Regular trips to space _____ be available in the next century (possible)
4 One day they _____ find life on other planets (slightly possible)
5 We _____ ever know everything (impossible)
6 It _____ be sunny tomorrow (probable)
7 It _____ be cloudy in June (possible)
8 It _____ rain in May (slightly possible)

Task 3. Rewrite the given ideas using will, may, and might in complete sentences. (More than one answer is possible) (3 pts)

1. There is definitely a party tomorrow evening at my house.

2. I am thinking about studying French this year.

3. There is a fifty-fifty chance that she will be on time for her English class tomorrow.
