ESL Review Worksheet

Table Manners, Polite Refusals, and Past Modals

Part 1: Table Manners

Instructions: Read each situation carefully and choose the best answer.

1. At dinner, someone takes the last piece of cake without asking anyone. Many people would consider this _____.
A. typical behavior
B. socially acceptable
C. impolite
D. a sign of good manners

2. In some cultures, finishing all the food on your plate shows the host that you enjoyed the meal. It is _____.
A. a sign of good manners
B. typical behavior
C. socially unacceptable
D. offensive

3. Many people check their phones during meals today. This is becoming _____.
A. offended
B. socially acceptable
C. typical behavior
D. a sign of good manners

4. If you ignore other guests and look at your phone during dinner, they may feel _____.
A. typical
B. offended
C. socially acceptable
D. respectful

5. In formal dinners, speaking with your mouth full is usually considered _____ behavior.
A. socially acceptable
B. typical
C. impolite
D. respectful

6. Waiting until everyone sits down before starting to eat is often considered _____.
A. offended behavior
B. typical behavior
C. a sign of good manners
D. socially unacceptable

Part 2: Polite vs Direct Refusals

Instructions: Read each situation and choose the most polite response.

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1. Your friend invites you to dinner, but you already have plans.
A. I'd love to, but I have another arrangement.
B. I'm not going.
C. No.
D. That's really kind, but I think I'd rather just stay home.

2. A coworker offers to help you finish a report, but you want to do it alone.
A. No. I'll do it.
B. No, thank you. I'd prefer to do it myself.
C. Don't help me.
D. Leave it.

3. Someone asks you to help them move all weekend.
A. Oh, no! That's too much to ask.
B. No way.
C. I'm not doing that.
D. Forget it.

4. Your manager invites you to dinner with colleagues, but you feel uncomfortable going.
A. I'm grateful for the invitation, but I can't attend.
B. I don't want to go.
C. No thanks.
D. That sounds boring.

5. Someone offers to carry your bag, but you don't want to bother them.
A. Oh, please! I don't want to trouble you.
B. Don't touch it.
C. I can carry it.
D. Leave it.

6. A friend invites you to an event, but you already have another plan.
A. I'd love to, but I have another arrangement.
B. I'm busy.
C. I can't.
D. Ask someone else.

Part 3: Grammar Practice – Could have / Should have / Would have

Choose the correct option.

1. The team _____ won the game if they had scored earlier.
A. could have
B. should have
C. would have

2. You _____ studied more for the exam.
A. could have
B. should have
C. would have

3. If she had trained harder, she _____ finished first.
A. could have
B. should have

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C. would have

4. He missed the goal. He _____ passed the ball earlier.
A. could have
B. should have
C. would have

5. If they had left earlier, they _____ arrived on time.
A. could have
B. should have
C. would have

Part 4: Error Correction – Past Modals

Each sentence has a mistake. Find and correct it.

1. He should have went to the doctor earlier.

2. The team could have woned the match with better defense.

3. If she had practiced more, she would have win the race.

4. You should have study for the test yesterday.

5. They could have finished the project if they start earlier.

6. If the player had passed the ball, the team would have score.

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