

Exercise 1.2: Choose the best word or phrase to fill in the blank.

Question 1: You'd better _____ late next time.

- A. don't B. not be C. not being D. won't be

Question 2: I _____ like to know where you were born.

- A. shall B. would C. could D. may

Question 3: By the year 2030, it _____ possible to travel faster than the speed of light.

- A. may be B. must be C. should be D. might have been

Question 4: When my father was young, he _____ work in the garden for long hours.

- A. can B. could C. will D. should

Question 5: He _____ have committed the crime because he was with me on that day.

- A. mustn't B. shouldn't C. won't D. can't

Question 6: _____ Since we have to be _____ there by 8.30, we _____ take a taxi.

- A. have to B. may C. ought to D. are able to

Question 7: She hasn't eaten anything since yesterday. She _____ be really hungry now.

- A. might B. will C. must D. can

Question 8: _____ I put my keys on the _____ table, but now it's gone. Someone _____ have taken it.

- A. may B. had to C. should D. would rather

Question 9: Daisy has a test tomorrow, so she _____ be studying.

- A. will B. should C. must D. can

Question 10: We _____ put the fish in the fridge before it spoils.

- A. would B. may C. can D. should

Question 11: Final-year students _____ attend lectures. It is optional.

- A. mustn't B. don't have to C. shouldn't D. ought to

Question 12: Tom painted his room black. It looks dark and dreary. He _____ have chosen another color.

- A. should B. must C. could D. may

Question 13: You _____ throw litter on the streets.

- A. mustn't B. couldn't C. needn't D. won't

Question 14: My mother permitted me to go out at night. She said, "You _____ go out tonight".

- A. may B. have to C. must D. ought to

Question 15: It is possible that she will come to our party tonight. She _____ come here tonight.

- A. need B. may C. should D. will

Question 16: "Your score is the lowest compared to your classmates" - " You _____ study harder to pass the exam".

- A. should B. may C. could D. might

Question 17: This is your passport. You _____ forget to take it with you when going to the airport.

- A. should B. have to C. mustn't D. needn't

Question 18: All students _____ wear a uniform every day. It's one of the rules in this school.

A. must B. have to C. needn't D. mightn't

Question 19: You _____ beat around the bush like that. I have already known the whole story.

A. should B. needn't C. shouldn't D. couldn't

Question 20: The passengers _____ remove the seat belts until the sign has been switched off.

A. mustn't B. can't C. needn't D. mightn't

Question 21: You _____ forget to meet the deadline. The boss is very strict about being on time.

A. don't have to B. can't C. should D. mustn't

Question 22: "How old do you think Tom is?" - "He _____ 17 because he is studying with my brother.

A. might be B. must be C. may be D. can be

Question 23: This information is very precious. You _____ reveal it.

A. must B. can C. needn't D. mustn't

Question 24: You _____ take along some cash in case of the restaurant _____ accept credit cards.

A. had better - may not B. could - should not

C. has to - must not D. can - needn't

Question 25: You _____ have many chances about the future job if you spoke English fluently.

A. could B. would be able to C. need D. can

Question 26: "_____ helping me take care of my child this morning?"

A. Can you B. Why don't you C. Would you mind D. Could you

Question 27: In the future, global warming _____ a level at which human life will become impossible.

A. will be increasing at B. increases in

C. may increase to D. will increase

Question 28: You _____ wear an umbrella because it isn't raining outside.

A. may B. mustn't C. should D. needn't

Question 29: Before anyone steps on that stage, you _____ make sure that it is secure.

A. would better B. had better C. would rather D. would prefer to

Question 30: _____ you looking after that cat for me while I am away?

A. Shall B. Should C. Will D. Must

Question 31: _____ I post that letter for you on the way to the office?

A. Would B. Will C. Do D. Shall

Question 32: You're going to set up the equipment in a minute, _____ give you a hand?

A. Shall I B. Will I C. Would I D. Do I

Question 33: "Are these gloves necessary?" "Yes. You _____ use this chemical without gloves. It will bum your skin."

A. mustn't B. don't have to C. could not D. need not

Question 34: You _____ so fast, or you might have an accident.

A. don't have to drive B. shouldn't have driven

C. had better not drive

D. mustn't have driven

Question 35: " Did you do all the tasks yesterday?" - " No, I _____ it, but I spent too much time doing the first task."

A. must have done

B. could have done

C. shouldn't have done

D. needn't do

Question 36: When you have a small child in the house, you _____ leave small objects lying around. Such objects _____ be swallowed, causing serious injury or even death.

A. needn't - may

B. should not - might

C. should - must

D. mustn't - can't

Question 37: I got lost very often when I was in Hanoi. I _____ a street map while I was living there.

A. needn't have bought

B. have to buy

C. should have bought

D. would have bought

Question 38: My supervisor is angry with me. I didn't do all the work I _____ last week.

A. must have done

B. may have done

C. should have done

D. need to have done

Question 39: She _____ for her parents' support during her university education, but she preferred to work part-time and support herself.

A. should have asked

B. could have asked

C. must have asked

D. ought to ask

Question 40: "Peter passed his exam with a flying color." " _____."

A. He needs studying harder

B. He must have studied very hard

C. He was too lazy to succeed

D. He can't have studied very hard

Question 41: He has been working for 10 hours. He _____ be very tired now.

A. must

B. needn't

C. has to

D. should

Question 42: You know how upset she was that night. You _____ her that everything was all right. Why were you so cruel?

A. should tell

B. ought to tell

C. must have told

D. should have told

Question 43: You _____ pass an examination before working in that company.

A. must

B. should

C. can

D. might

Question 44: Why are you still here? You _____ been helping Dianna in the yard.

A. must have

B. would have

C. might have

D. should have

Question 45: After a number of incidents with the police, we decided to close down the club. But now I think that maybe we _____ it open.

A. ought to keep

B. should have kept

C. should keep

D. should rather keep

Question 46: Jenny's jewelry was precious! It _____ have cost a fortune.

A. can

B. should

C. need

D. must

Question 47: Augmented reality and virtual reality devices _____ be used in a

variety of ways including visual representations of blueprints or for simple things like virtual team meetings.

A. can B. must C. have to D. has to

Question 48: _____ I borrow your pen for a minute? - Sure. You _____ keep it if you want to.

A. May - could B. Might - can C. Could - should D. May - can

Question 49: As the repair turned out to be so complicated, they _____ much earlier. But nobody expected it would be so time-consuming.

A. ought to have started B. should start
C. might start D. must have started

Question 50: "You _____ your temper like that, Sue. It was inexcusable."

A. shouldn't have lost B. shouldn't lost
C. can't have lost D. mightn't have lost

Question 51: You _____ so much money at the weekend. It was wasteful.

A. can't have spent B. shouldn't spend
C. shouldn't have spent D. mustn't spend

Question 52: It's your own fault. You _____ them to go out on their own; they are still new here.

A. mustn't have allowed B. can't allow
C. shouldn't allow D. shouldn't have allowed

Question 53: They were travelling on the same train so they _____. But, of course, we don't know if they did.

A. could meet B. may have met C. might meet D. should probably meet

Question 54: She _____ cook a meal for her family when she was just twelve years old.

A. can B. could C. should D. need

Question 55: Jessica looks very tired. She _____ have stayed up late to finish her assignment last night.

A. would B. must C. will D. should