

MODAL VERBS

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: It was such an interesting film that we _____ miss it.

- A. can B. couldn't D. needn't C. had to

Question 2: Leave early so that you _____ miss the bus.

- A. ought not to D. mustn't B. won't C. shouldn't

Question 3: Since we have to be there by 8.30, we _____ take a taxi.

- A. had better B. may C. ought D. are able to

Question 4: Mr. Brown is very rich. He _____ work hard for a living.

- A. mustn't B. shouldn't C. can't D. doesn't have to

Question 5: My mother didn't permit me to go out at night. She said, "You _____ go out tonight".

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

Question 6: If you want to learn to speak English fluently, you _____ to work hard.

- A. should B. ought not C. need D. had better

Question 7: I _____ be delighted to show you round the factory.

- A. ought to B. would C. might D. can

Question 8: The teacher said we _____ read this book for our own pleasure as it was optional.

- A. could B. needn't C. mustn't D. had to

Question 9: He had been working for more than 11 hours. He _____ be tired after such hard work. He _____ prefer to get some rest.

- A. must/ might B. need/ can C. had better/ will D. should/ might

Question 10: Mr. Kent is on time for everything. How _____ it be that he was late for the opening ceremony?

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

Question 11: Jonny, you _____ play with the knife, you _____ hurt yourself.

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

Question 12: It _____ Sam who called and did not leave a message on the answering machine. I am not sure.

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

Question 13: Thomas received a warning for speeding. He _____ so fast.

- A. shouldn't have driven B. would have driven
C. should have D. might have driven

Question 14: The fire spread through the hotel very quickly but everyone got out.

- A. had to B. would C. could D. was able to

Question 15: When he was there, he _____ go to that coffee shop at the corner after work every day.

- A. would B. should C. had better D. might



Question 16: If we had known your new address, we _____ to see you.

- A. came B. will come C. would come D. would have come

Question 17: These two boys look identical. They _____ twins.

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

Question 18: "Where do you think Rooney is today?" "I have no idea. He _____ late."

- A. should have slept B. would sleep C. may have slept D. would have slept

Question 19: He spent all that money last week. He _____ so much.

- A. didn't need to spend B. shouldn't spend
C. needn't have spent D. didn't have to spend

Question 20: Tom didn't do his homework, so the teacher became very angry. He _____ his homework.

- A. must have done B. will have done C. might have D. should have done

Question 21: John still hasn't come out. He _____ everything for the trip now.

- A. must have been preparing B. will be preparing
C. must be preparing D. will have prepared

Question 22: Jack _____ yet, otherwise he would have telephoned me.

- A. mustn't have arrived B. shouldn't have arrived
C. can't have arrived D. needn't have arrived

Question 23: The photos are black. The X-ray at the airport _____ them.

- A. should have damaged B. would damage
C. would have damaged D. must have damaged

Question 24: Yesterday, Jane walked away from the discussion. Otherwise, she _____ something she would regret later.

- A. had said B. said C. might say D. might have said

Question 25: He _____ have committed the crime because he was with me that day.

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

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 26: John was not here yesterday. Perhaps he was ill.

- A. John needn't be here yesterday because he was ill.
B. Because of his illness, John shouldn't have been here yesterday.
C. John might have been ill yesterday, so he was not here.
D. John must have been ill yesterday, so he was not here.

Question 27: I'm sure Jessica was very upset when you left.

- A. Jessica could have been very upset when you left.
B. Jessica must be very upset when you left.
C. Jessica may be very upset when you left.
D. Jessica must have been very upset when you left.

Question 28: Sally paid for her travel in advance, but it wasn't necessary.

- A. Sally needn't have paid for her travel in advance.
- B. Sally might not have paid for her travel in advance.
- C. Sally may not have paid for her travel in advance.
- D. Sally couldn't have paid for her travel in advance.

Question 29: It would have been better if she had bought some sugar.

- A. She should have bought some sugar.
- B. She must have bought some sugar.
- C. She might buy some sugar.
- D. She might have been bought some sugar.

Question 30: I'm sure it wasn't Mr. Pike you saw because he is in London.

- A. It couldn't be Mr. Pike you saw because he is in London.
- B. It can't have been Mr. Pike you saw because he is in London.
- C. It mustn't have been Mr. Pike you saw because he is in London.
- D. It mightn't be Mr. Pike you saw because he is in London.