Động từ khuyết thiếu

Question 1: 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 2: - "Are you coming to Jeff's party?"

- "I'm not sure. I _____ go to the concert instead."

A. must **B.** must **C.** should **D.** may

Question 3: Sorry I'm late. I _____ have turned off the alarm clock and gone back to sleep again.

A. might **B.** should **C.** can **D.** will

Question 4: "Will you stay for lunch?"

- "Sorry, I _____. My brother is coming to see me."

A. must **B.** can't **C.** needn't **D.** won't

Question 5: There was a lot of fun at yesterday's party. You _____ come, but why didn't you?

A. must have **B.** should **C.** need have **D.** should have

Question 6: .- "I stayed at a hotel while in New York."

- "Oh, did you? You _____ with Barbara."

A. could have stayed **B.** could stay **C.** would stay **D.** should stay

Question 7: The fire spread through the hotel very quickly but everyone _____ get out.

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

Question 8: There was plenty of time. She _____ .

A. mustn't have hurried **B.** couldn't have hurried

C. must not hurry **D.** needn't have hurried

Question 9: Jack _____ yet, otherwise he would have telephoned me

A. mustn't have arrived **B.** shouldn't have arrived

C. can't have arrived **D.** need not have arrived

Question 10: Johnny, 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 11: 14. 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 12: 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 13: Sir, you _____ be sitting in this waiting room. It is for women and children only.

A. oughtn't to **B.** can't **C.** won't **D.** needn't

Question 14: 17. - "There were already five people in the car but they managed to take me as

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well." - "It _____ a comfortable journey."

A. can't be **B.** shouldn't be **C.** mustn't have been **D.** couldn't have been

Question 15: "Mary looks sad. Did you tell her about the accident?" - "Yes, but I _____ her later."

A. shouldn't have told **B.** mustn't have told **C.** must have told **D.** should have told

Question 16: - "Shall I tell John about it?"

- "No, you _____. I've told him already."

A. needn't **B.** wouldn't **C.** mustn't **D.** shouldn't

Question 17: - "Don't forget to come to my birthday party tomorrow." -" _____. "

A. I don't **B.** I won't **C.** I can't **D.** I haven't

Question 18: I told Sally how to get here, but perhaps I _____ for her.

A. had to write it out **B.** must have written it out

C. must have written it out **D.** ought to write it out

Question 19: _____ it rain tomorrow, we will put off the visit to the Marble Mountains.

A. Were **B.** Should **C.** Would **D.** Will

Question 20: Tom should not _____ me your secret, but he meant no harm.

A. have told **B.** tell **C.** be telling **D.** having told

Question 21: Peter _____ come with us tonight, but he isn't very sure.

A. must **B.** may **C.** can **D.** will

Question 22: "Could I borrow your dictionary?" - "Yes, of course you _____."

A. might **B.** will **C.** can **D.** should

Question 23: We _____ last night, but we went to the concert instead.

A. must have studied **B.** might study **C.** should have studied **D.** would study

Question 24: A computer _____ think for itself; it must be told what to do.

A. can't **B.** can't **C.** must **D.** will

Question 25: Jane _____ have kept her word. I wonder why she changed her mind.

A. must **B.** should **C.** need **D.** would

Question 26: He _____ you more help, even though he was very busy.

A. might have given **B.** might give **C.** can't have given **D.** may give

Question 27: I didn't hear the phone. I _____ asleep.

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

Question 28: Mother _____ us stories when we were young.

A. was used to tell **B.** is used to telling **C.** used to tell **D.** used to telling

Question 29: You _____ return the book now. You can keep it till next week.

A. can't **B.** mustn't **C.** needn't **D.** may not

Question 30: The plant is dead. I _____ it more water.

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A. will give B. would have given C. must give D. should have given

Question 31: - "Must we do it now?" -"No, you _____ ."

A. won't B. needn't C. can't D. don't

Question 32: -Hurry up! Tom _____ for us at the school gate.

A. must wait B. must be waiting C. must be waited D. must be waited

Question 33: - "I think Jane is at home."

- "No, she _____ be at home, for she phoned me from the airport just ten minutes ago."

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

Question 34: There are so many types here, and I really don't know which one I _____ choose.

A. should B. can C. may D. must

Question 35: I _____ play basketball than football.

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

Question 36: You'd better _____ late next time.

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

Question 37: I _____ like to know where you were born.

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

Question 38: You _____ the look on his face when he won the prize.

A. would have seen B. can be seeing C. must see D. should have seen

Question 39: When my father was young, he _____ work in the garden for long hours.

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

Question 40: He_____ have committed the crime because he was with me that day.

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

Question 41: 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 42: She hasn't eaten anything since yesterday. She_____ be really hungry.

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

Question 43: 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 44: Daisy is reading her English test because she has a test tomorrow. She_____ be studying.

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

Question 45: We _____ put the fish in the fridge before it spoils.

A. would B. may C. can D. had better

Question 46: Tom has just got a new job. He_____ be very pleased.

A. might B. might C. should D. will

Question 47: Tom painted his room black. It looks dark and dreary. He _____ have chosen another

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colour.

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

Question 48: You _____ throw litter on the streets.

A. mustn't **B.** mustn't **C.** needn't **D.** won't

Question 49: 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 50: It is possible that she will come to our party tonight. She _____ come here tonight.

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

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