



GRAMMAR QUIZ ON MODALS (PRESENT AND PAST)

Name: Surname:

1. Choose the correct answer.

1. The company ... the rumours that they were closing down.
A. were able stopping B. could to stop C. were able to stop D. could stopped
2. ... I go out for a minute, please, Sir?
A. Can B. Will C. Must D. Should
3. Oh look, that ... be Maria with her new boyfriend.
A. have B. need C. can D. must
4. You ... do the extra exercise, but it's a good idea if you do.
A. mustn't B. don't have to C. didn't have to E. needn't have done
5. What do we ... to bring with us for the excursion?
A. should B. need C. must D. could
6. I ... to tell my parents the truth about Tommy last night.
A. had B. must have C. should D. can't
7. You ... have come to me sooner if you were in trouble.
A. ought b. need C. must C. should
8. That ... be the truth - it's just a rumour.
A. ought not B. mustn't C. can't D. wasn't able to
9. John ... be lying to us, you know.
A. should B. need C. might D. will
10. You ... to stick up for your friends a bit more.
A. ought B. should C. must D. could
11. The kid might ... telling the truth all along about the gang.
A. to have been B. have been C. being D. have being
12. You ... do that ever again! Do you understand?
A. aren't able to B. wouldn't C. haven't to D. mustn't
13. You ... have had a crush on Ricky when you were at school. He was such a nerd!
A. mustn't B. can't C. needn't D. might not
14. I'm not repeating myself. You ... have paid attention the first time.
A. should B. might c. ought D. need
15. You ... me up - I could have got the bus.
A. might have picked B. couldn't have picked C. didn't have to pick D. needn't pick
16. David ... have told those lies about you, he's too nice.
A. shouldn't B. needn't C. mustn't D. couldn't
17. I ... have read that book before but I can't remember.
A. should B. need C. will D. might
18. I asked if I ... ask a question and he completely ignored me!
A. may B. would C. could D. ought
19. We ... have just ignored her stupid lies.
A. ought to B. must c. can D. didn't need
20. You ... be able to take your exams again next year if you fail them now.
A. can B. might C. ought D. can't

2. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

can't have - could have - had to - must have - needn't have - ought - should have

1. You told them the truth. Now you will be in great trouble.
2. You are very kind but you bought me such an expensive present.
3. He treated me like dirt. I didn't have a choice. I break up with him.
4. You ate so much last night. You had a stomachache.
5. It been hard for you to live alone in a foreign country.
6. Alan have finished his homework already. He spent all day playing in the garden.
7. You to have kept her secret instead of telling everybody.

