

For questions 1-29, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

1. He looks exhausted; he \_\_ have been working all night.  
A. should  
B. must  
C. can  
D. would
2. You \_\_ have told me earlier; I could have helped.  
A. might  
B. must  
C. ought to  
D. would
3. She \_\_ be joking; no one could seriously believe that.  
A. should  
B. might  
C. must  
D. can't
4. You \_\_ to him like that; it was completely unnecessary.  
A. wouldn't speak  
B. can't have spoken  
C. shouldn't speak  
D. shouldn't have spoken
5. He \_\_ have misunderstood the instructions; they were quite clear.  
A. must  
B. might  
C. can't  
D. could
6. I \_\_ finished it by now, but something urgent came up.  
A. would have  
B. should have  
C. must have  
D. could have
7. She \_\_ have left already — the lights are still on.  
A. must  
B. might  
C. can't  
D. would
8. You \_\_ worry so much; everything is under control.  
A. mustn't  
B. couldn't  
C. wouldn't  
D. needn't
9. He \_\_ have been lying; the evidence is overwhelming.  
A. could  
B. should  
C. might  
D. must
10. He looks far too relaxed — he must \_\_ about the consequences.  
A. not care  
B. not have cared  
C. not be caring  
D. not to care
11. She might \_\_ the email already, but there's no reply yet.  
A. read  
B. have read  
C. be reading  
D. have been reading
12. You \_\_ have seen his face — it was priceless.  
A. might  
B. would  
C. should  
D. must

13. She \_\_ have been more careful; now she's paying the price.

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

14. This \_\_ to be the solution we've been looking for.

A. can  
B. must  
C. ought  
D. should have

15. You \_\_ do it if you don't want to — it's optional.

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

16. We \_\_ be finished by now if everyone had cooperated.

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

17. He \_\_ have been joking, but I'm not entirely sure.

A. must  
B. should  
C. could  
D. can't

18. They should \_\_ earlier if they wanted to avoid the traffic.

A. leave  
B. have left  
C. be leaving  
D. have been leaving

19. This \_\_ be allowed; it's against company policy.

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

20. She \_\_ have completed the course by now; it's been months.

A. might  
B. can  
C. would  
D. should

21. He \_\_ have told you the truth, but there's no proof.

A. can't  
B. must  
C. might  
D. should

22. I \_\_ be able to help you later, depending on time.

A. should  
B. must  
C. might  
D. ought

23. You \_\_ have gone to so much trouble; I'd have managed.

A. wouldn't  
B. couldn't  
C. needn't  
D. mustn't

24. She \_\_ have reacted so aggressively; it wasn't personal.

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

25. This \_\_\_ be the last time we tolerate such behaviour.  
A. must  
B. can  
C. should  
D. would

26. He can't \_\_\_ what happened; he wasn't even there.  
A. know  
B. have known  
C. be knowing  
D. have been knowing

27. We \_\_\_ be seeing things differently, and that's fine.  
A. must

28. You \_\_\_ have taken responsibility instead of blaming others.  
A. could  
B. would  
C. must  
D. should

29. This \_\_\_ be resolved without legal action.  
A. must  
B. should have  
C. can  
D. would have

Rewrite the sentences using the word given.

1. I'm sure he didn't understand how serious the situation was.

**HAVE**

He \_\_\_\_\_ how serious the situation was.

2. It was a mistake not to tell her the truth earlier.

**SHOULD**

You \_\_\_\_\_ her the truth earlier.

3. It's possible that they finished the report before the deadline.

**MIGHT**

They \_\_\_\_\_ the report before the deadline.

4. It's impossible that she knows what really happened.

**CAN**

She \_\_\_\_\_ what really happened.

5. I don't think it's necessary for you to wait any longer.

**NEED**

You \_\_\_\_\_ any longer.