

MODAL AUXILIARS QUIZ 1

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.

1. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He _____ be exhausted after such a long flight.
A. Can B. had better C. must
2. The book is optional. My professor said we could read it if we needed extra credit. But we _____ read it if we don't want to.
A. Don't have to B. cannot C. must not
3. Susan _____ hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.
A. Might not B. can't C. couldn't
4. The television isn't working. It _____ damaged during the move.
A. Must be B. must C. must have been
5. Kate: _____ hold your breath for more than a minute?
Jack: No, I can't.
A. Might you B. can you C. are you able to
6. You _____ be rich to be a success. Some of the most successful people I know haven't got a penny to their name.
A. Don't have to B. shouldn't C. can't
7. I've redone this math problem at least twenty times, but my answer is wrong according to the answer key. The answer in the book _____ be wrong!
A. Should B. have to C. must
8. You _____ do the job if you didn't speak Japanese fluently.
A. Won't be able to B. can't C. couldn't
9. You _____ worry so much. It doesn't do you any good. Either you get the job, or you don't. If you don't, just apply for another one. Eventually, you will find work.
A. shouldn't B. don't have to C. can't
10. You _____ be kidding! That can't be true.
A. Should B. ought to C. have to
11. You _____ leave the table once you have finished your meal and politely excused yourself.
A. May B. would C. might
12. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It _____ a fortune.
A. Must have cost B. must cost C. must be costing
13. _____ we move into the living room? It's more comfortable in there and there's a beautiful view of the lake.
A. Must B. will C. shall

14. If I had gone white water rafting with my friends, I _____ down the Colorado River right now.
A. Would have float B. would float C. would be floating
15. At first, my boss didn't want to hire Sam. But, because I had previously worked with Sam, I told my boss that he _____ take another look at his resume and reconsider him for the position.
A. Has to B. ought to C. must
16. You _____ take along some cash. The restaurant may not accept credit cards.
A. Has to B. can C. had better
17. The machine _____ on by flipping this switch.
A. Can be turned B. may turn C. could be turning
18. I can't stand these people - I _____ get out of here. I'm going to take off for awhile while you get rid of them.
A. Might B. have got to C. had better
19. You _____ forget to pay the rent tomorrow. The landlord is very strict about paying on time.
A. Couldn't B. mustn't C. don't have to
20. Do you always have to say the first thing that pops into your head. _____ you think once in a while before you speak?
A. Can't B. cannot C. don't can
21. Terry and Frank said they would come over right after work, so they _____ be here by 6:00.
A. Should B. can C. have to
22. Yesterday, I _____ cram all day for my French final. I didn't get to sleep until after midnight.
A. Had to B. must C. should
23. We _____ no longer suffer the injustice of oppression! Freedom shall be ours!
A. Would B. shall C. might
24. If I had gone to the University of Miami, I _____ participated in their Spanish immersion program.
A. Could B. could be C. could have
25. The lamp _____ be broken. Maybe the light bulb just burned out.
A. Might not B. could not C. must not