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PRACTICE TEST

Exercise 1: Type the correct modal verb into the box.

can couldn't have to might must ought to shouldn't was able

1. It's very cold today. Do you think it _____ snow later?
2. You _____ leave your door unlocked when you go out.
3. They _____ have filled the car with petrol before they set off.
4. My motorbike broke down in the middle of nowhere, but luckily, I _____ to fix it.
5. Mum says we _____ watch TV after we've finished our homework.
6. You don't _____ pick me up at the station. I can get a taxi.
7. This is impossible, it _____ be a mistake!
8. Jim _____ have seen me because he walked past without saying 'Hello'.

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer

1. She _____ him to the airport but she wasn't at home.
A. could drive B. could have driven C. must have driven D. might drive
2. Did you go to the concert last night? – No, we _____ but we decided to stay at home instead.
A. could have gone B. must have gone C. should go D. mustn't go
3. You _____ tell anyone what I just told you. It's a secret.
A. don't have to B. mustn't C. needn't have to D. shouldn't have to
4. The museum is free. You _____ pay to get in.
A. mustn't B. shouldn't C. must D. don't have to
5. You _____ smoke in this room. It's forbidden.
A. must B. mustn't C. could D. needn't
6. I _____ bread but I didn't know we needed it.
A. could have bought B. would bought C. must bought D. needed have bought
7. Children _____ leave their parents. Otherwise they could get lost.
A. mustn't B. must C. might D. needn't
8. The children _____ their homework last night. Then they wouldn't be panicking on the way to school.
A. would have done B. must have done C. should do D. should have done
9. I _____ go to the rest room. I'll be back in a minute.
A. could B. can C. must D. mustn't

10. We _____ so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone.
 A. shouldn't invite B. needn't invite
 C. mustn't have invited D. shouldn't have invited
11. Why is that man looking around like that? He _____ lost.
 A. must have been B. must be C. should be D. had better be
12. Who's that at the door? It _____ Susie - she'll still be at work now.
 A. mustn't be B. shouldn't be C. can't be D. needn't be
13. The food is really good at that restaurant. They _____ a great chef.
 A. ought to have B. should have had C. must have D. must have had
14. Her life _____ be easy. She has four children and very little money.
 A. shouldn't B. needn't C. mustn't D. can't
15. You _____ a lot before you gave your speech. It was really good.
 A. must practice B. must have practiced C. should practice D. should have practiced
16. When Lizzie got home yesterday there were flowers on the table. Her husband _____ them.
 A. must buy B. ought to buy
 C. could have bought D. must have bought
17. It _____ cold outside. That man in the street is wearing a coat.
 A. should be B. must be C. should have been D. must have been
18. Oh no, I don't have my keys! I _____ them in the taxi.
 A. must leave B. must have left C. could leave D. should have left
19. He's amazing, he _____ speak five languages, including Chinese.
 A. can B. should C. must D. mustn't
20. The fire spread through the building very quickly everyone _____ escape.
 A. could B. can C. was able to D. could be able to
21. They didn't want to come with us at first but in the end, we _____ persuade them.
 A. could B. could be able to C. are able to D. were able to
22. You _____. It all turned out fine.
 A. needn't worry B. shouldn't worry C. needn't have worried D. mustn't have worried
23. We _____ hurry or we'll miss the train.
 A. had better B. would C. needn't D. mustn't
24. There was a time when I _____ up very late.
 A. could have stayed B. could stay C. must stay D. must have stayed
25. _____ you help me with the housework, please?
 A. Do B. Will C. Shall D. Could

THE END!