Should, Ought To and Had Better

Exercises

1. A: I have got a sore throat. B: You _____ drink cold water.

   A) should
   B) shouldn't
   C) had better
   D) had not better

2. You're going to miss the school bus. You _____ hurry.

   A) shouldn't
   B) had better
   C) had better not
   D) oughtn't to

3. A: My husband snores a lot and I can't sleep. B: I think you _____ warn him.

   A) had better
   B) shouldn't
   C) needn't
   D) ought

4. This meat doesn't smell fresh. We _____ it.

   A) shouldn't eat
   B) needn't taste
   C) have to buy
   D) ought to not cook

5. A: Brenda has got a temperature. B: _____.

   A) She had better not see a doctor
   B) She had better not stay in bed
   C) She shouldn't have a cold shower
   D) She shouldn't go to the hospital

6. A: Alice is 80 kilos and she still eats junk food. B: I think she _____ go on a diet.

   A) should
   B) shouldn't
   C) mustn't
   D) can't

7. I have an important exam tomorrow. I _____ to go out tonight.

   A) shouldn't
   B) had better not
   C) had better
   D) ought not

8. A: I have a bad toothache. B: I think you _____ go to the dentist.

   A) shouldn't
   B) should
   C) ought
   D) had better not

9. A: I can't see the blackboard well. B: I think _____.

   A) you should sit at the back
   B) you shouldn't ask your teacher
   C) you had better sit close to the blackboard
   D) you had better change your class

10. A: My phone bill is enormous. B: I think you ___.

    A) you not ought to talk too much
    B) you ought not to talk too much
    C) you ought to talk too much
    D) you ought talk too much

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11. You ___ go to bed early. Tomorrow is Sunday.

A) ought not
B) should
C) had better
D) don't have to

12. A: I can't sleep at nights. B: _____

A) You ought to drink coffee at nights.
B) You should drink coffee at nights.
C) You had better not drink coffee at nights.
D) You had better drink coffee at nights .

13. A: Gerry hasn't got his glasses and he wants to drive home. B: I think he ___ take a taxi.

A) had better
B) shouldn't
C) mustn't
D) can't

14. Jason's room is always in a mess. He can't find anything. I think ___.

A) he shouldn't tidy it
B) he ought to tidy it
C) he should to tidy it
D) he had better to tidy it

15. I have a birthday party on Friday. Who do you think I ___?

A) should invite not
B) should invite
C) ought invite
D) had invite better

16. A: My son is usually late for school. B: He ___.

A) had not better go to bed late
B) had better not go to bed late
C) hadn't better go to bed late
D) had better to go to bed late

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