

Modal Verbs Test B1 Grammar Exercises

1. You ____ join the meeting on Friday, but you ____ if you like.
- A)** shouldn't / were able to
B) mustn't / needn't
C) can't / shouldn't
D) needn't / can
2. ____ you read this text for me so that I ____ type it quickly?
- A)** May / can
B) Could / can
C) Will / should
D) Can / must
3. I'm sure you ____ why I wasn't in the office yesterday. Well, I ____ a day off.
- A)** must be wondering / had to take
B) don't have to wonder / could take
C) needn't wonder / must take
D) ought to wonder / my have take
4. One of us ____ here because there ____ an urgent call.
- A)** must wait / / should have been
B) ought to wait / may have been
C) needn't wait / must be
D) had better wait / might be
5. We ____ all the major points now because we ____ again until next Sunday.
- A)** can't discuss / can't have been meeting
B) must be discussing / didn't have to meet
C) should discuss / won't be able to meet
D) don't need to discuss / shouldn't meet
6. ____ we eat out tonight for a change? It ____ an expensive place.
- A)** How about / doesn't have to be
B) Shall / needn't be
C) Why don't / can't be
D) What about / may not be
7. ____ you please answer that call? I ____ care of the baby.
- A)** Will / have to take
B) Could / needn't take
C) Mighn / must take
D) May / should be taking
8. Randall thinks he ____ the promotion, but he ____ it yet.
- A)** must get / doesn't need to get
B) can get / didn't have to get
C) should get / hasn't been able to get
D) ought to be getting / couldn't get
9. When ____ I wake you up? You ____ up early tomorrow morning, don't you?
- A)** should / may get
B) can / had to get
C) shall / need to get
D) must / can get
10. She ____ well when she first got her driving licence, but she ____ it by now.
- A)** couldn't drive / must have learnt
B) didn't have to drive / will be able to learn
C) isn't able to drive / must learn
D) wasn't able to drive / shouldn't have learnt
11. You ____ me with my shoelaces, Mum. I ____ them by myself.
- A)** mustn't be helping / could have tied
B) couldn't help / may tie
C) can't help / may have been able to tie
D) don't need to help / can tie
12. They ____ here by now; I wonder why they haven't yet.
- A)** should have arrived
B) can arrive
C) may have arrived
D) must be arriving
13. The groom ____ the bride before the wedding ceremony because it ____ bad luck.
- A)** couldn't see / should have brought
B) wasn't able to see / can bring
C) is not allowed to see / may bring
D) mustn't see / had to bring
14. ____ inviting some friends over for dinner next Saturday?
- A)** Let's
B) What about
C) Why don't we
D) Shall we



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15. The children _____ in the garden because it's raining, so they _____ somewhere else.

- A) mustn't be playing / can't be
- B) may be playing / might be
- C) must have played / should be
- D) can't be playing / must be

16. _____ I talk to the manager in person, please? I _____ him something very important.

- A) Will / have to tell
- B) Should / am able to tell
- C) Might / must tell
- D) Can / may have told

17. I think we _____ very early tomorrow; or else, we _____ our flight.

- A) will have to leave / may miss
- B) must be leaving / should miss
- C) can leave / ought to miss
- D) must leave / might have missed

18. When _____ to go to work after the operation?

- A) must I
- B) need I
- C) will I be able
- D) should I

19. _____ close the windows, please? I've started to feel cold.

- A) Will I
- B) Would you
- C) How about
- D) Must you

20. He _____ properly for the past two weeks because of the injury in his leg.

- A) hasn't been able to walk
- B) couldn't walk
- C) had better not walk
- D) won't have to walk



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Answer Key:

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| 1: D | 11: D |
| 2: B | 12: A |
| 3: A | 13: C |
| 4: D | 14: B |
| 5: C | 15: D |
| 6: B | 16: C |
| 7: A | 17: A |
| 8: C | 18: C |
| 9: C | 19: B |
| 10: A | 20: A |

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