

Modal Verbs Test A1 - A2 Grammar Exercises

1. A: You are ill. You ____ in the balcony. It isn't warm outside.

B: I'm wearing warm clothes. Don't worry.

- A) needn't sit
- B) can sit
- C) must sit
- D) mustn't sit

2. A: I don't want to leave my phone at the desk before I enter the exam hall. ____?

B: Unfortunately, yes. It is the rule.

- A) Can I
- B) Must I
- C) May I
- D) Could I

3. A: You ____ wash those strawberries. I've already washed them.

B: Oh, good. Thank you.

- A) needn't
- B) must
- C) couldn't
- D) can

4. I ____ tell the time when I was 8 years old, but now I can.

- A) can
- B) couldn't
- C) can't
- D) could

5. A: ____ help you?

B: Yes, please. I'm looking for a leather jacket.

- A) Must I
- B) Have I
- C) Can I
- D) Did I

6. A: Betty ____ pay her rent today.

B: I hope she has enough money.

- A) can
- B) must
- C) needn't
- D) can't

7. Margaret ____ speak Italian and English, so she ____ work with a translator in this project.

- A) needn't / mustn't
- B) can't / couldn't
- C) can / needn't
- D) must / musn't

8. A: I ____ open this jar.

B: Let me help you. ____ use a knife?

A: No problem.

- A) can't / Can I
- B) mustn't / Must I
- C) needn't / May I
- D) can / Could I

9. A: ____ turn on the volume of the radio? This is my favourite song.

B: Sure. You ____ ask me. I'm never disturbed by the music.

- A) May I / can't
- B) Could I / must
- C) Must I / could
- D) Can I / needn't

10. A: ____ ask you a question?

B: Yes, sure, but I ____ answer it if it is about my private life.

- A) Do I / needn't
- B) Can I / couldn't
- C) May I / can't
- D) Did I / could

11. A: I ____ work hard during the weekend.

B: Why?

A: I ____ finish my weekly task yesterday.

- A) can / mustn't
- B) mustn't / must
- C) can't / needn't
- D) must / couldn't

12. She ____ smoke because she is pregnant and it is harmful to the baby.

- A) needn't
- B) couldn't
- C) mustn't
- D) can



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13. I ____ get a visa to go to England. I'm a citizen of England.

- A) couldn't
- B) mustn't
- C) can't
- D) needn't

14. A: ____ read and write when you were 5?

B: No, I ____.

- A) Could you / couldn't
- B) Can you / can't
- C) May I / must
- D) Must I / needn't

15. A: ____ pay any money for this treatment?

B: No, you ____.

- A) Can I / didn't
- B) Must I / needn't
- C) May I / must
- D) Could I / do

16. This medicine ____ heal you. Give it a try.

- A) can
- B) needn't
- C) mustn't
- D) couldn't

17. You ____ give up. You are strong enough to overcome this problem.

- A) mustn't
- B) needn't
- C) must
- D) can

18. A: Jeremy ____ come to the dinner party today.

B: I know. As far as I know, he ____ go on a business trip.

- A) can / hasn't
- B) needn't / mustn't
- C) can't / must
- D) mustn't / has

19. A: I ____ speak English fluently before I stayed in England for a year.

B: But now you _____. That's very good.

- A) could / could
- B) must / needn't
- C) couldn't / can
- D) mustn't / must

20. A: ____ see your passport?

B: Why ____ show it?

A: Because I need to see a picture ID.

- A) Could I / may I
- B) May I / could I
- C) Must I / can I
- D) Can I / must I



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Answer Key:

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

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