Assessment – Modal Verbs

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you go already? You only arrived an hour ago!

1. must
2. should
3. can

Answer: A

2. When he was young, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ swim very well. He won medals and championships!

1. had to
2. can
3. could

Answer: C

3. The company \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ go bankrupt if they don't find a lot of money quickly!

1. should
2. shouldn't
3. might

Answer: C

4. You look very confused by the homework, Clive. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I help you?

1. will
2. can
3. must

Answer: B

5. I left my purse at home. Lily, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you lend me ten dollars?

1. may
2. could
3. shouldn't

Answer: B

6. It's wet and windy outside today. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ go out without an umbrella.

1. shouldn't
2. won't
3. don't have to

Answer: A

7. I think that sign means we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enter the building. Look, there's a security guard too.

1. won't
2. have to
3. mustn't

Answer: C

8. Lindsay watched the movie in French and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand very much of it.

1. didn't have to
2. can't
3. couldn't

Answer: C

9. Ted's flight from Amsterdam took more than 11 hours. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight.

1. must
2. had better
3. can

Answer: A

10. 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.

1. don't have to
2. must not
3. cannot

Answer: A

11. Susan\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hear the speaker because the crowd was cheering so loudly.

1. might not
2. can't
3. couldn't

Answer: C

12. The television isn't working. It\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ damaged during the move.

1. Must
2. Must have been
3. Must be

Answer: B

13. Kate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hold your breath for more than a minute?

Jack: No, I can't.

1. Are you able to
2. might you
3. Can you

Answer: C

14. You\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be rich to be a success. Some of the most successful people I know haven't got a penny to their name.

1. don't have to
2. shouldn't
3. can't

Answer: A

15. 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!

1. Should
2. have to
3. must

Answer: C