Practice Exercises – Moda l Verbs (Obligation)

Review the *Modal Verbs used to express Obligation* before doing the exercises. Choose the answer that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence. There is only one correct answer.

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1. Al: "Bob's planning to go to Paris." Ann: "He _____ go in the summer when the weather is much better."
a. ought
b. mustn't
c. can't
d. should

2. Family doctors _____ tell their patients not to use antibiotics for minor illnesses.
a. should
b. have
c. had
d. need

3. I bought this jacket yesterday, but it's too small. I _____ to exchange it for a bigger one.
a. must
b. should
c. have
d. can

4. There's plenty of time to catch the 5 o'clock train. We _____ hurry.
a. mustn't
b. don't have to
c. don't need
d. haven't

5. You _____ forget John's birthday tomorrow.
a. mustn't
b. don't have to
c. don't let
d. haven't

6. You really _____ drive more carefully, or you'll have an accident one of these days.
a. have
b. need
c. may
d. must

7. I _____ to work yesterday. It was a national holiday.
a. mustn't
b. didn't have
c. hadn't
d. couldn't

8. You _____ be more patient with your children.
a. need
b. have
c. should
d. had

9. You _____ make more than five mistakes on this test or you'll fail.
a. mustn't
b. don't have to
c. hadn't
d. don't need

10. Did you _____ get up early when you were a child?
a. must
b. have to
c. might
d. could

11. I'm going to a formal dinner party tonight. I _____ wear casual clothes.
a. don't have to
b. mustn't
c. 'm not allowed
d. don't need

12. Doctors say that you _____ eat too many sweets.
a. haven't
b. don't have to
c. shouldn't
d. don't allow

13. Yesterday I _____ go to Rome for an IT conference.
a. must
b. have to
c. should
d. had to

14. You _____ talk in a loud voice in the library. You'll disturb the others.
a. don't have to
b. don't need
c. mustn't
d. might not

15. I've had a sore throat for a week. Tonight I _____ to go to the doctor's.
a. must
b. have
c. should
d. may

16. You _____ give others advice if they don't ask for it.
a. shouldn't
b. don't have
c. haven't
d. don't need

17. You're always late! You _____ arrive on time or you'll be fired.
a. ought
b. must
c. had
d. 've got

18. People know they _____ smoke in public places.
a. mustn't
b. don't have to
c. not let
d. haven't

19. You look stressed. You _____ take some time off and relax.
a. had
b. have
c. should
d. need

20. Jill _____ to stay up late last night to finish her report.
a. need
b. must
c. has
d. had

21. I _____ to go to the supermarket. There isn't any more milk or bread in the house.
a. have
b. must
c. should
d. will

22. We _____ to leave the conference now because John's going to drive us home.
a. mustn't
b. don't have
c. hadn't
d. shouldn't

23. I forgot to phone the dentist yesterday. I _____ call him right now.
a. have
b. need
c. must
d. got

24. You _____ to stop criticizing other people all the time, otherwise you'll never have any friends.
a. ought
b. should
c. must
d. had

25. The curtains aren't dirty. I _____ to wash them now.
a. don't have
b. didn't
c. mustn't
d. needn't

26. Mary gained a lot of weight recently. She _____ see a doctor.
a. needs
b. has
c. ought
d. should

27. I've been waiting for you since 9 a.m. Do you _____ keep me waiting all the time?
a. have to
b. had to
c. must
d. need

28. This document is very important. You _____ lose it.
a. don't have to
b. didn't have to
c. haven't
d. mustn't

29. All citizens _____ pay their taxes every year.
a. must
b. have
c. had
d. need

30. You got home late last night so you _____ go to bed late tonight.
a. 've got
b. shouldn't
c. don't have to
d. haven't

31. Jimmy _____ treat his parents so disrespectfully.
a. mustn't
b. hasn't
c. doesn't let
d. doesn't need

32. They couldn't afford to buy a house last year, so they _____ to rent an apartment.
a. must
b. had
c. should
d. got

33. You _____ steal fruit from other people's trees.
a. aren't allowed
b. don't have to
c. mustn't
d. haven't

34. You _____ wipe your feet before coming into the house!
a. have
b. need
c. should
d. got

35. You _____ come to dinner with us tonight, if you don't feel like it. You can join us next Tuesday.
a. can't
b. don't have to
c. don't need
d. haven't

36. Jane _____ to eat more fruit and vegetables.
a. must
b. need
c. ought
d. have