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# TEST MASTER

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1. Why didn't you help him? You \_\_\_ have done it.  
A) must                      B) can                      C) could  
D) were to                      E) was able to
2. A: \_\_\_ I phone you tonight?  
B: Yes, you \_\_\_ .  
A) may / may                      B) must / might  
C) could / can't                      D) shouldn't / shouldn't  
E) have to / had to
3. But I \_\_\_ stay in England for six months, and not for a fortnight as I had planned.  
A) had to                      B) have to                      C) am able to  
D) can                      E) shall have
4. -I \_\_\_ draw a circle with a pencil only, and you?  
-Neither can I.  
A) can't                      B) can                      C) may  
D) shan't                      E) couldn't
5. Last week I \_\_\_ go to town on business trip as the Ministry of Education had asked me to come.  
A) had to                      B) might                      C) should  
D) could                      E) was able to
6. If one person is careless with a library book, then it \_\_\_ be read by others.  
A) can't                      B) couldn't                      C) may  
D) can                      E) mightn't
7. After a book is written, it passes through the heads of very many different workers. Each worker works carefully, for there \_\_\_ not be any mistakes.  
A) must                      B) couldn't                      C) could  
D) might                      E) has to
8. He tried, but \_\_\_ persuade nobody.  
A) could                      B) couldn't                      C) can  
D) might                      E) won't
9. People who know a foreign language \_\_\_ learn a second one easily.  
A) may                      B) should                      C) mustn't  
D) can                      E) needn't
10. \_\_\_ I have a word with you, please?  
A) may                      B) had to                      C) have to  
D) must                      E) am able to
11. At first I \_\_\_ skate well, now I \_\_\_ .  
A) couldn't / can                      B) may / can                      C) mustn't / can  
D) should / shouldn't                      E) must / needn't
12. She said they \_\_\_ go to the cinema if they liked.  
A) must                      B) may                      C) can  
D) had to                      E) could
13. - What is your sister doing?  
- She \_\_\_ be watching TV.  
A) may                      B) can't                      C) needn't  
D) has to                      E) could
14. I didn't want to go there but I \_\_\_ .  
A) must                      B) might                      C) shall  
D) can't                      E) had to
15. - \_\_\_ I go there now?  
- No, you \_\_\_ .  
A) can / hadn't to                      B) am / aren't                      C) must / needn't  
D) might / could                      E) should / will
16. - Where is he?  
- He \_\_\_ be walking in the park.  
A) can't                      B) is able to                      C) has to  
D) must                      E) ought to
17. Visitors \_\_\_ stay in the hospital after ten pm.  
A) might not                      B) needn't                      C) couldn't  
D) must not                      E) didn't have to
18. We had an appointment yesterday afternoon but he \_\_\_ see me.  
A) might not                      B) cannot                      C) have to  
D) mustn't                      E) wasn't able to
19. I didn't \_\_\_ ring her up for she did it herself.  
A) had to                      B) could                      C) be to  
D) have to                      E) must
20. The rain was so sudden that everybody \_\_\_ take a shelter.  
A) can                      B) could                      C) have to  
D) are to                      E) had to
21. If you \_\_\_ fix a radio, you \_\_\_ repair a TV too.  
A) can / will be able to                      B) must / may                      C) couldn't / can  
D) need / has to                      E) may / needn't to
22. -I've examined you very carefully. I think all you \_\_\_ is a good rest.  
-But I'm still feeling sick. Why don't you look at my tongue?  
-It \_\_\_ a rest too.  
A) must / may                      B) might / can                      C) need / could  
D) should / have to                      E) need / needs
23. You \_\_\_ do this work yourself, if you try.  
A) can                      B) had to                      C) must  
D) was able to                      E) were to do
24. Guests of the hotel \_\_\_ warn the clerk in advance when they leave.  
A) can                      B) may                      C) must  
D) is to                      E) had to
25. My mother \_\_\_ neither read nor write after the operation and now I \_\_\_ help her.  
A) have to / must                      B) could / have to  
C) couldn't / had to                      D) were able / can  
E) might / need
26. \_\_\_ I borrow your text-book? I've left mine at home.  
A) am able to                      B) must                      C) have to  
D) need                      E) may
27. People \_\_\_ exercise regularly, otherwise they will get out of shape.  
A) must not                      B) should                      C) can  
D) might                      E) has to
28. "Ma," said a little girl, "Willie wants the biggest piece of cake, and I think I \_\_\_ have it, because he was eating cakes two years before I was born."  
A) couldn't                      B) has to                      C) is to  
D) should                      E) had to
29. -I live near my work.  
-So you \_\_\_ go to the office by crowded buses.  
A) have to                      B) are able to                      C) don't have to  
D) would have to                      E) can't
30. -I \_\_\_ go to the cinema yesterday.  
-Why?  
-Because I \_\_\_ complete my work.  
A) can't / must                      B) couldn't / had to  
C) didn't have to / may                      D) wasn't to / need  
E) should / have to
31. The skier broke his leg and \_\_\_ compete in the recent Olympic Games.  
A) couldn't                      B) mustn't                      C) had to  
D) can't                      E) might

32. I \_\_\_ not translate this text yesterday. \_\_\_ you help me to translate it tonight?  
A) could / can      B) can / can      C) may / may  
D) had to / could      E) can / must
33. Does Larry \_\_\_ leave home at 7.30?  
A) have to      B) must      C) has to  
D) need      E) should
34. - \_\_\_ any of you speak Italian?  
-No, but we are learning it and I hope we \_\_\_ speak it next year.  
A) must / will have to      B) may / have got to  
C) can / shall be able to      D) could / could  
E) might / had to
35. - \_\_\_ I take your pen for a moment?  
- Certainly.  
A) must      B) may      C) might  
D) should      E) will
36. I \_\_\_ speak English last year but I \_\_\_ do it now.  
A) must / can      B) could / can      C) might / may  
D) couldn't / can      E) might / could
37. Mother, \_\_\_ I go for a walk? I've done all my work.  
A) have to      B) am to      C) may  
D) must      E) might
38. I was ill and \_\_\_ go to school for some days.  
A) can't      B) must      C) could  
D) couldn't      E) can
39. - \_\_\_ we do this work now?  
- \_\_\_ . You can do it tomorrow.  
A) Can / Yes, you can      B) Must / No, you needn't  
C) May / Yes, you may      D) Could / Yes, you must  
E) Might / No, you might not
40. "\_\_\_ I do anything for you?", the secretary asked the stranger.  
A) can      B) had to      C) must  
D) have to      E) am
41. - \_\_\_ we finish our work today?  
- No, you \_\_\_ .  
A) Can / couldn't      B) May / can      C) Have to / can  
D) Must / needn't      E) Had / needn't
42. I \_\_\_ go to the library for books as I often write compositions at school.  
A) can      B) could      C) may  
D) might      E) have to
43. It \_\_\_ rain this afternoon.  
A) had to      B) may      C) is able to  
D) could      E) might
44. \_\_\_ the director receive me now?  
A) Have to      B) Is able      C) Can  
D) Is to      E) Has to
45. Who \_\_\_ help him at 2 yesterday?  
A) have to      B) is to      C) can  
D) need      E) had to
46. I said that after all that had happened I \_\_\_ run away to my aunt's.  
A) could      B) might      C) had to  
D) need      E) was able to
47. - \_\_\_ I go to the cinema?  
- No, you \_\_\_ . The film is for grown ups.  
A) may / mustn't      B) can / needn't      C) could / can't  
D) must / may not      E) shall / haven't
48. Teacher: "You \_\_\_ ring me up when you \_\_\_ my advice."  
A) could / need      B) may / need      C) can / will need  
D) must / needed      E) have to / need
49. "Never put off till tomorrow what you \_\_\_ do today."  
A) have to      B) must      C) might  
D) can      E) should
50. -I \_\_\_ understand the rule; \_\_\_ I take the examination another time?  
-Yes, of course.  
A) could / can      B) may / may      C) can't / may  
D) mustn't / must      E) may / can
51. Pupils \_\_\_ speak only English at their English lessons.  
A) must not      B) must      C) cannot  
D) has to      E) had to
52. The lecturer mentioned the name of the town several times, but unfortunately I \_\_\_ remember it.  
A) can      B) could      C) may  
D) could not      E) may not
53. -Must I do this exercise too?  
-No, you \_\_\_ . It isn't necessary.  
A) can't      B) may not      C) mustn't  
D) needn't      E) oughtn't to
54. Mother, look, I \_\_\_ skate well.  
A) can      B) may      C) must  
D) have to      E) ought to
55. I'm sorry you \_\_\_ smoke here.  
A) had to      B) can't      C) could  
D) must      E) have to
56. We \_\_\_ protect our nature from pollution.  
A) need      B) had to      C) are to  
D) may      E) must
57. He is very helpless, I \_\_\_ help him.  
A) need      B) might      C) have to  
D) can      E) may
58. Excuse me, \_\_\_ you tell me the time?  
A) may      B) must      C) might  
D) can      E) are able to
59. My grandfather's ill and I \_\_\_ go to see him today, I \_\_\_ go with you.  
A) can / can't      B) have to / can't      C) may / have to  
D) need / must      E) be able to / may not
60. The Browns \_\_\_ not return on Sunday, as the weather was bad.  
A) may      B) could      C) have to  
D) must      E) can't
61. I looked through this book about 2 hours, but \_\_\_ find anything interesting.  
A) can't      B) couldn't      C) had to  
D) can      E) hadn't to
62. You \_\_\_ do this for it's necessary.  
A) may      B) can      C) have to  
D) has      E) could
63. You \_\_\_ work hard at your English.  
A) must      B) mustn't      C) can't  
D) has to      E) may not
64. We \_\_\_ read much in the original if we want to learn a foreign language.  
A) had to      B) can      C) must  
D) may      E) could
65. We \_\_\_ do it by midday if we had the instruments.  
A) may      B) can      C) must  
D) could      E) might
66. You \_\_\_ get a visa before you go abroad next summer.  
A) may      B) can      C) could  
D) have to      E) will have to

67. If you want to improve your English you \_\_\_ work very hard.  
A) can B) may C) are able to  
D) had to E) must
68. You've been traveling all day. You \_\_\_ be very tired.  
A) must B) can't C) might  
D) ought to E) shouldn't
69. My eyesight isn't very good. I \_\_\_ wear glasses for reading.  
A) might B) have to C) can  
D) may E) could
70. He said that I \_\_\_ look around.  
A) might B) may C) can  
D) has to E) is able to
71. He \_\_\_ agree with your suggestion.  
A) may not B) need C) are able to  
D) are to E) have to
72. My son fell ill yesterday, I \_\_\_ stay at home.  
A) must B) can C) may  
D) need E) had to
73. I will not read this book, you \_\_\_ do it if you want.  
A) can B) might C) have to  
D) can't E) must
74. \_\_\_ you show me those black shoes? How much are they?  
A) may B) must C) can  
D) have to E) will have to
75. I \_\_\_ leave the party early last night, because I wasn't very well.  
A) must B) may C) could  
D) have to E) had to
76. She \_\_\_ lift me up with one hand.  
A) may B) need C) can  
D) to have to E) to be able to
77. You \_\_\_ work if you don't want to.  
A) must not B) can't C) needn't  
D) must E) has to
78. You \_\_\_ come and have dinner with us some day.  
A) was able to B) could C) has to  
D) is to E) must
79. It was very difficult to hear. I \_\_\_ understand what she was saying.  
A) can't B) may not C) wasn't able to  
D) couldn't E) could
80. The teacher told us that we \_\_\_ work harder at our English.  
A) have B) must C) could  
D) may E) had to
81. A little girl comes up to her mother and asks if she \_\_\_ go to the park with her friend.  
A) couldn't B) can't C) must  
D) may E) has to
82. If you are ill and \_\_\_ go to school you \_\_\_ learn everything what you have missed.  
A) can / must B) can't / must C) may / can  
D) has to / may E) can't / might
83. The dog had run away and the children \_\_\_ find it though they were looking for it the whole day.  
A) can B) can't C) could  
D) may E) could not
84. As Mr. John hadn't got the dictionary at hand, he \_\_\_ guess the meaning of the word.  
A) should B) can C) has to  
D) must E) had to
85. Mark Twain \_\_\_ easily \_\_\_ across the Mississippi River.  
A) must / swim B) had to / swam C) may / swim  
D) would / to swim E) could / swim
86. It was late but the pupils \_\_\_ stay at school for an additional lesson.  
A) could B) must C) had to  
D) needed E) might
87. The children have done their homework. I think they \_\_\_ have a rest now.  
A) may B) might C) are  
D) could E) will be able to
88. -Shall I retell the text?  
-\_\_\_. You can only translate it.  
A) Yes, you will. B) Do, please. C) No, you didn't.  
D) No, you needn't. E) Yes, you may.
89. Patient: Must I go to the hospital?  
Doctor: No, you \_\_\_. You \_\_\_ stay at home.  
A) can't / had to B) mustn't / had to C) needn't / may  
D) are able to / can E) shouldn't / might
90. It \_\_\_ rain today. There are so many clouds in the sky.  
A) can B) has to C) may  
D) should E) mustn't
91. I understood that he \_\_\_ never \_\_\_ back.  
A) will / come B) doesn't / came C) won't / home  
D) would / come E) wouldn't / come
92. My son is ill so I \_\_\_ stay at home.  
A) mustn't B) has to C) can  
D) may E) have to
93. Must I do it? No, you \_\_\_. It isn't necessary.  
A) couldn't B) may not C) needn't  
D) can't E) shouldn't
94. I feel sick and tired. So I \_\_\_ go to school.  
A) can B) could C) haven't to  
D) am not able to E) am able to
95. He was very poor and \_\_\_ marry a woman eight years older than himself.  
A) must B) could C) needed  
D) had to E) might
96. Children \_\_\_ go to school at the age of 7.  
A) can B) must C) may  
D) has to E) could
97. - \_\_\_ I trouble you for a moment?  
- Yes, certainly. What \_\_\_ I do for you?  
A) can / might B) may / can C) must / may  
D) could / may E) can / must
98. He \_\_\_ know her address. Ask him.  
A) need B) must C) could  
D) might E) have to
99. You knew he was ill. You \_\_\_ have visited him.  
A) can B) might C) need  
D) have to E) may
100. May I take this pen? No, you \_\_\_.  
A) can B) may C) mustn't  
D) need E) haven't to
101. -"What's happened to the dog? It isn't here."  
-"Dan \_\_\_ have taken it with him."  
A) had to B) was to C) might  
D) may E) could
102. You \_\_\_ give it back to me before you go.  
A) might B) couldn't C) must  
D) need E) had to

103. That's a question nobody \_\_\_ answer.  
A) must not      B) were to      C) cannot  
D) might      E) can
104. \_\_\_ God be with you.  
A) can      B) must      C) may  
D) had to      E) is to
105. A fool man \_\_\_ ask more questions than a wise man \_\_\_ answer.  
A) may / can      B) can / must      C) may / might  
D) can / might      E) must / could.
106. "Does Jack shave?"  
"No, he's got a beard so he \_\_\_ shave."  
A) hasn't to      B) hasn't got to      C) don't have to  
D) can't      E) will be able to
107. Don't worry. You \_\_\_ do it just now. You \_\_\_ do it tomorrow.  
A) must / can      B) should / may      C) can / could  
D) had to / must      E) needn't / can
108. I \_\_\_ speak English well now but I hope I \_\_\_ speak next year.  
A) could / can      B) can't / shall be able to  
C) must / shall have to      D) may / may  
E) am able to / shall have to
109. The driver \_\_\_ have taken a side road.  
A) shall      B) need      C) may  
D) have to      E) is to
110. He \_\_\_ have replaced the tire, it was still quite good.  
A) could      B) can      C) needn't  
D) had to      E) should
111. How \_\_\_ I tell her that her life will be ruined from this day on? I think, I can't.  
A) must      B) need      C) may  
D) shall      E) can
112. It was so warm that we \_\_\_ wear our coats. It was very pleasant.  
A) couldn't      B) didn't have to      C) shouldn't  
D) mightn't      E) mustn't
113. They will get hungry on the train; I think, you \_\_\_ give them some sandwiches.  
A) should      B) could      C) might  
D) had to      E) needn't
114. You \_\_\_ a raincoat. You are wet through.  
A) must have worn      B) may wear  
C) should have worn      D) could wear  
E) needn't have worn
115. "You \_\_\_ choose any present you like, take it, please", said mother.  
A) might      B) could      C) may  
D) have to      E) are able to
116. -Have you looked through these newspapers?  
-No, I haven't. I \_\_\_ write an article.  
A) has to      B) had to      C) mustn't  
D) can      E) might
117. We didn't go out last night. We \_\_\_ to the cinema but we decided to stay at home.  
A) could have gone      B) must have gone      C) should go  
D) are to go      E) needn't go
118. I was at home yesterday. You \_\_\_ have called and taken the dictionary.  
A) must      B) may      C) could  
D) can      E) had to
119. - When I was a child I \_\_\_ draw well.  
- And now? \_\_\_ you do it now?  
A) must / may      B) could / can      C) should / need  
D) may / could      E) ought to / can't
120. That day as I \_\_\_ to be there at 5 sharp, I \_\_\_ to take a taxi.  
A) am / had to      B) is / may      C) was / had to  
D) were / can      E) were / had to
121. You \_\_\_ read this book: you are grown up.  
A) may      B) might      C) has to  
D) can't      E) may not
122. I \_\_\_ come to see you tonight as I \_\_\_ answer many questions.  
A) can / may      B) can't / have to      C) can't / can not  
D) must / had to      E) may / may not
123. Last night the plane \_\_\_ land because of the sudden change of the wind.  
A) must      B) may      C) has to  
D) had to      E) can
124. \_\_\_ he speak French as English last year?  
A) can      B) may      C) had to  
D) can't      E) could
125. She said that he \_\_\_ take her dictionary.  
A) may      B) can      C) is allowed  
D) is able      E) might
126. As my sister was taking an examination I \_\_\_ look after her baby yesterday.  
A) could      B) had to      C) must  
D) was able to      E) should
127. "He \_\_\_ in the house now," thinks the girl.  
A) could      B) may be      C) might be  
D) had to be      E) will be
128. Your brother is ill, so he \_\_\_ go out for a walk.  
A) can      B) could      C) may  
D) might      E) must not
129. It \_\_\_ rain today, we \_\_\_ see clouds in the sky.  
A) has to / can      B) must / have to      C) could / can't  
D) may / can      E) might / must
130. Charles Dickens \_\_\_ go to school at an early age, as he \_\_\_ help his family.  
A) should / would      B) couldn't / had to  
C) must / couldn't      D) might / should  
E) had not to / would
131. They \_\_\_ tell the truth, but they \_\_\_ .  
A) had to / can't      B) have to / couldn't      C) must / can't  
D) are to / couldn't      E) may / had to
132. I have very little time and I \_\_\_ take a taxi.  
A) may      B) could      C) should  
D) have to      E) have
133. You \_\_\_ this. Why didn't you use a chance?  
A) can do      B) could have done      C) must do  
D) may do      E) need do
134. I \_\_\_ send him a letter yesterday.  
A) am      B) can      C) may  
D) had to      E) should
135. She told him he \_\_\_ go home.  
A) may      B) can      C) ought  
D) might      E) have to
136. No matter how she \_\_\_ try the door \_\_\_ open.  
A) can / should      B) could / must      C) should / will  
D) might / wouldn't      E) must / ought to
137. \_\_\_ I take your book? I \_\_\_ write many exercises tomorrow.  
A) must / must      B) should / have to  
C) may / shall have to      D) might / had to  
E) can / would

138. She \_\_\_ get up and she \_\_\_ stay in bed as she is seriously ill.  
A) must / has to      B) can't / has to      C) should / is to  
D) may / must      E) is able / shall
139. My cousin \_\_\_ read and write when he was five.  
A) could      B) may      C) have to  
D) must      E) can
140. We \_\_\_ to meet at the theatre entrance at a quarter to eight yesterday.  
A) are      B) must      C) have  
D) were      E) couldn't
141. They \_\_\_ do this the day after tomorrow. Now they are very busy.  
A) may      B) can      C) must  
D) will be able to      E) were able to
142. I \_\_\_ write to Ann. I haven't written to her for ages.  
A) can      B) must      C) had to  
D) could      E) may
143. This work \_\_\_ be done at once.  
A) can      B) must      C) ought  
D) should      E) may
144. The teacher said they \_\_\_ all go home.  
A) may      B) have to      C) might  
D) can      E) be able to
145. -How \_\_\_ I get to the nearest bus stop?  
-You \_\_\_ go straight and then turn to the left.  
A) must / can      B) can / must      C) should / may  
D) may / have to      E) could / might
146. Oh, you are seriously ill. I think you \_\_\_ consult a doctor and if he tells you to keep to bed you \_\_\_ do.  
A) may / might      B) must / can't      C) should / must  
D) have to / couldn't      E) has to / may
147. Tom \_\_\_ pass his exam in Literature and now he is working hard as he \_\_\_ take it again.  
A) can't / was able      B) must / had to      C) may / could  
D) couldn't / has to      E) can't / had to
148. \_\_\_ I come in? No, you \_\_\_ I am very busy now. I \_\_\_ write a report.  
A) can / can / must      B) must / may not / had to  
C) may / can't / must      D) may / may not / can  
E) must / mustn't / may
149. - \_\_\_ I smoke here?  
- No, you \_\_\_ .  
A) can / may      B) may / mustn't      C) can / should  
D) can / can't      E) may / need
150. You \_\_\_ break the body but you \_\_\_ break the spirit.  
A) may / can't      B) could / can't      C) must / must  
D) can / might not      E) may / may
151. He \_\_\_ tell you how glad he is.  
A) was able to      B) couldn't      C) can't  
D) had to      E) have
152. He said that I \_\_\_ telephone him any time I liked.  
A) can      B) will      C) might  
D) have to      E) will have to
153. I have a terrible headache. I \_\_\_ do anything.  
A) could      B) can      C) should  
D) can't      E) might
154. - \_\_\_ your son speak English?  
-No, but he \_\_\_ when he was a schoolboy.  
A) has to / must      B) could / may      C) might / can  
D) can / could      E) may / must

155. Find the synonym of the modal verb "must".  
A) I might be wrong.  
B) We may go there.  
C) He needs a dictionary.  
D) You can say anything.  
E) He was to go to the south.
156. You \_\_\_ easily find the newspaper now where his article was printed.  
A) might      B) need      C) couldn't  
D) had to      E) can
157. He said that his father was ill and they \_\_\_ go to see the doctor yesterday.  
A) can      B) had to      C) are able  
D) can't      E) may
158. Sorry, I \_\_\_ go with you. I \_\_\_ finish my work.  
A) may not / must      B) couldn't / have to      C) mustn't / can  
D) can't / must      E) am / could
159. Last year in April I \_\_\_ use my umbrella more often than in May.  
A) must      B) can      C) were able  
D) had to      E) may
160. "\_\_\_ I have another cup of tea?"  
A) must      B) might      C) may  
D) would      E) need
161. -I wonder where the chief is.  
-He \_\_\_ be in his office. I've seen him this morning.  
A) is able to      B) should      C) have to  
D) must      E) had to
162. "I \_\_\_ go, Padre, the students will be waiting for me."  
A) is to      B) can      C) be able  
D) must      E) may