

PAST MODALS – CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

Instruction: Choose the correct answer for each sentence.

1. We _____ so many people to our party!
 - a) could have invited
 - b) shouldn't have invited
 - c) would have invited

2. I _____ more for the test. I didn't pass.
 - a) could have studied
 - b) would have studied
 - c) should have studied

3. She _____ an umbrella. Now she is wet.
 - a) could have taken
 - b) should have taken
 - c) would have taken

4. They _____ the bus because they left early.
 - a) couldn't have missed
 - b) should have missed
 - c) would have missed

5. He _____ you, but he didn't know you needed help.
 - a) could have helped
 - b) would have helped
 - c) should have helped

6. We _____ tickets earlier. Now they are sold out.
 - a) could have bought
 - b) would have bought
 - c) should have bought

7. I _____ you, but I lost your number.
 - a) could have called
 - b) would have called
 - c) should have called

8. She _____ at home yesterday, but I'm not sure.
- a) should have been
 - b) would have been
 - c) could have been
9. They _____ the work faster if they worked together.
- a) should have finished
 - b) could have finished
 - c) would have finished
10. You _____ me the truth. I feel upset now.
- a) could have told
 - b) would have told
 - c) should have told
11. He _____ hurt in the accident, but luckily he is fine.
- a) should have gotten
 - b) would have gotten
 - c) could have gotten
12. We _____ earlier to catch the train.
- a) could have left
 - b) would have left
 - c) should have left
13. She _____ to the party, but she was too busy.
- a) could have come
 - b) would have come
 - c) should have come
14. I _____ my jacket. It was very cold.
- a) could have brought
 - b) would have brought
 - c) should have brought
15. You _____ so fast on the wet road.
- a) couldn't have driven
 - b) shouldn't have driven
 - c) wouldn't have driven

16. They _____ the meeting if they checked the email.
- a) could have remembered
 - b) would have remembered
 - c) should have remembered
17. He _____ earlier, but he chose to stay.
- a) could have left
 - b) should have left
 - c) couldn't have left
18. We _____ more careful during the exam.
- a) could have been
 - b) would have been
 - c) should have been
19. She _____ that mistake if she paid attention.
- a) could have avoided
 - b) would have avoided
 - c) should have avoided
20. I _____ your advice. It was a mistake.
- a) could have followed
 - b) would have followed
 - c) should have followed

ANSWER KEY

1. b

2. c

3. b

4. a

5. b

6. c

7. b

8. c

9. b

10. c

11. c

12. c

13. b

14. c

15. b

16. a

17. a

18. c

19. b

20. c