Modal verb QUIZ

Choose the correct answer.

1. I _____ go to the concert this Friday, I have to work overtime.
   may not
   must not
   can't
   couldn't

2. A: My family goes to the beach every summer. B: Nice. _____ you surf?
   Could
   May
   Can
   Must

3. I _____ surf now because of a knee injury I got playing rugby.
   may not
   must not
   can't
   couldn't

4. I _____ surf when I was in high school though.
   may
   must
   can
   could
5. When I was 21 my friends and I would drive from Niagara Falls, Canada to Buffalo, New York. We _____ walk across the border with just our Ontario driver’s license.

may
can
could
must

6. You _____ do that anymore. Now you need to show a passport every time you cross the border.

may not
must not
can't
couldn't


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8. A: “What would you like to do this weekend?” B: “We _____ go to the beach.” A: “That sounds great. I’ll make some lunch and we can have a picnic by the ocean.”
must
can
could
may

9. I love the beach. I _____ just sit on the beach and stare at the ocean for a month.
must
can
could
may
10. I lost 3.4 kilograms! Yesterday I _____ fit into my jeans from 6 years ago.

must

can

could

may

11. Maybe we should go to the beach in 2 weeks. The news said it _____ rain this weekend.

must

can

could

may

12. We _____ have gone to the beach last weekend if I wasn’t working.

must

can

could

may

13. I heard that the beach may close due to water pollution, but that _____ not be true.

must

can

could

may

14. A: Is Andrew coming to the party on Saturday? B: He wants to but he ________ be able to. It depends on what his flight arrives from Singapore.

must not

can't

couldn't

might not
15. You _____ be able to work some Saturdays if you want to be hired by this company.
  must
can
could
might

16. People _____ been able to get together as much since the pandemic started.
mustn't
haven't
couldn't
might not

Answers on the next page.
Answers

1. I can’t go to the concert this Friday, I have to work overtime.
2. A: My family goes to the beach every summer. B: Nice. Can you surf?
3. I can’t surf now because of a knee injury I got playing rugby.
4. I could surf when I was in high school though.
5. When I was 21 my friends and I would drive from Niagara Falls, Canada to Buffalo, New York. We could walk across the border with just our Ontario driver’s license.
6. You can’t do that anymore. Now you need to show a passport every time you cross the border.
7. A: I just heard the doorbell. I think the pizza is here. B: The Pizza can’t be here yet. I just ordered it 10 minutes ago.
8. A: “What would you like to do this weekend?” B: “We can go to the beach.” A: “That sounds great. I’ll make some lunch and we can have a picnic by the ocean.”
9. I love the beach. I could just sit on the beach and stare at the ocean for a month.
10. I lost 3.4 kilograms! Yesterday I could fit into my jeans from 6 years ago.
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12. We could have gone to the beach last weekend if I wasn’t working.
13. I heard that the beach may close due to water pollution, but that may not be true.
14. A: Is Andrew coming to the party on Saturday? B: He wants to but he might not be able to. It depends on when his flight arrives from Singapore.
15. You must be able to work some Saturdays if you want to be hired by this company.
16. People haven’t been able to get together as much since the pandemic started.

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