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Practicing the Conditionals

EXERCISE 1. Choose the correct answer.

Example: If I C you, I would get some rest before the game tomorrow.

A. am B. could be C. were D. had been

1. When I stopped talking, Sam finished my sentence for me as though he _____ my mind.

A. would read B. had read C. reads D. can read

2. If you _____, I would have brought my friends over to your house this evening to watch TV, but I didn't want to bother you.

A. had studied B. studied C. hadn't been studying D. didn't study

3. I wish I _____ you some money for your rent, but I'm broke myself.

A. can lend B. would lend C. could lend D. will lend

4. If someone _____ into the store, smile and say, "May I help you?"

A. comes B. came C. would come D. could come

5. "Are we lost?"

"I think so. I wish we _____ a map with us today."

A. were bringing B. brought C. had brought D. would bring

6. "Here's my phone number."

"Thanks. I'll give you a call if I _____ some help tomorrow."

A. will need B. need C. would need D. needed

7. If I weren't working for an accounting firm, I _____ in a bank.

A. work B. will work C. have worked D. would be working

8. Ed invested a lot of money with a dishonest advisor, and lost nearly all of it. Now he is having serious financial problems. He _____ in this position if he'd listened to some of his friends.

A. will be B. wouldn't be C. will be D. hadn't been

9. The world _____ a better place if we had known a hundred years ago what we know today about the earth's environment.

A. will be B. was C. should be D. might be

10. The medicine made me feel dizzy. I felt as though the room _____ around and around.

A. were spinning B. will spin C. spins D. would be spinning

11. "I'm really sorry about what happened during the meeting. I felt I had no choice."
"It's okay. I'm sure you wouldn't have done it if you _____."
A. should have B. had to C. hadn't had to D. have to
12. _____ you, I'd think twice about that decision. It could be a bad move.
A. If I had been B. Were I C. Should I be D. If I am
13. "Was Pam seriously injured in the automobile accident?"
"She broke her arm. It _____ much worse if she hadn't been wearing her seat belt."
A. will be B. would have been C. was D. were
14. If my candidate had won the election, I _____ happy now.
A. am B. would be C. was D. can be
15. I wish Janet _____ to the meeting this afternoon.
A. came B. will come C. can come D. could come
16. I _____ you to the woman I was speaking with, but I couldn't think of her name.
A. will introduce B. would introduce C. would have introduced D. couldn't have introduced
17. "What _____ today if you hadn't come here this weekend?"
"I guess I'd be putting in extra hours at my office."
A. are you doing B. can you do C. will you be doing D. would you be doing
18. Page 12 of the manual that came with the appliance says, " _____ any problem with the merchandise, contact your local dealer."
A. Do you have B. Should you have C. Had you D. You have
19. Marge walked away from the discussion. Otherwise, she _____ something she would regret later.
A. will say B. said C. might say D. might have said
20. I would never have encouraged you to go into this field _____ it would be so stressful for you. I'm sorry it's been so difficult for you.
A. had I known B. and I have known C. should I know D. but I knew

EXERCISE 2. Choose the correct answer.

Example: If I C you, I would get some rest before the game tomorrow.

- A. am B. could be C. were D. had been
1. Please keep your voice down in this section of the library. If you _____ to talk loudly, I will have to ask you to leave.
A. continued B. could continue C. will continue D. continue

2. Gloria never seems to get tired. I sure wish I _____ her energy.
A. would have B. have C. have had D. had
3. "Why didn't Bill get the promotion he was expecting?"
"He may not be qualified. If he were, he _____ that promotion last year."
A. would have been given B. was given C. would be given D. had been given
4. If I could find Rob's phone number, I _____ him about the change in plans. Maybe somebody else will call him.
A. called B. had called C. could call D. will call
5. "How do you like your new apartment?"
"The apartment itself is great, but I wish I _____ used to the constant noise from the street below"
A. got B. could get C. had gotten D. am
6. I was very engrossed in that presentation on Australia. The videotapes were so realistic that it was as though we _____ there, driving through the outback.
A. were B. have been C. are D. will be
7. If I _____ following that other car too closely, I would have been able to stop in time instead of running into it.
A. wasn't B. would have been C. was D. hadn't been
8. "Why aren't you going mountain climbing with the rest of us next weekend?"
"To be honest with you, I'm lazy. If I weren't, I _____ with you."
A. would have gone B. would go C. go D. will go
9. "Will you see Tom at lunch today? I'd like you to give him a message for me."
"I'm not going to lunch, but if I _____ him later, I'll give him your message."
A. should see B. will see C. would see D. could see
10. I'm really sleepy today. I wish I _____ Bob to the airport late last night.
A. didn't have to take B. weren't taking C. hadn't had to take D. didn't take
11. Hurry! We've got to leave the house immediately. Otherwise, _____ the opening ceremony.
A. we'd miss B. we'd have missed C. we miss D. we're going to miss
12. "Why didn't you tell me you were having so many problems?"
"I _____ you, but I figured you had enough to worry about without my problems, so I said nothing."
A. would tell B. would have told C. would be telling D. had told
13. A nation's balance of trade is considered unfavorable if it _____ more money on imports than it gains from exports.
A. will spend B. would spend C. can spend D. spends

14. Many people who live near nuclear plants are concerned. _____ go wrong, the impact on the surrounding area could be disastrous.
A. Something would B. Something will C. Should something D. Does something
15. Had I known the carpenter was going to take three days to show up, I _____ the materials and done the work myself. It would be finished by now.
A. will get B. would have gotten C. might get D. will have gotten
16. I wish you _____ making that noise. It's bothering me.
A. would stop B. are going to stop C. stop D. can stop
17. A huge tree crashed through the bedroom roof and broke my bed and most of the other furniture. _____ in the room, I would have been killed.
A. Should I be B. Had I been C. Would I have been D. Would I be
18. If everyone _____, how would we control air traffic? Surely, we'd all be crashing into each other.
A. can fly B. will fly C. flies D. could fly
19. If the world's tropical forests continue to disappear at their present rate, many animal species _____ extinct.
A. became B. would have become C. will become D. would become
20. When my lost briefcase was returned with my year-long research results intact, I felt tremendously relieved. It was as if a huge, heavy weight _____ from my shoulders.
A. had been lifted B. is being lifted C. would be lifted D. is lifting