Multiple choice - exercise 1

Choose the correct pair of verb tenses. You will find the key at the bottom of the page.

1) You \_\_\_\_\_ join the meeting on Friday, but you \_\_\_\_\_ if you like.

a) shouldn't / were able to

b) mustn't / needn’t

c) can't / shouldn't

d) needn't / can

2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_you read this text for me so that I \_\_\_\_\_ type it quickly?

a) May/can

b) Could/can

c) Will/should

d) Can/must

3) I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_ why I wasn't in the office yesterday. Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ a day off.

a) must be wondering/had to take

b) don’t have to wonder/could take

c) needn’t wonder/must take

d) ought to wonder/may have take

4) One of us \_\_\_\_\_ here because there \_\_\_\_\_ an urgent call.

a) must wait/should have been

b) ought to wait/may have been

c) needn’t wait/must be

d) had better wait/might be

5) We \_\_\_\_\_ all the major points now because we \_\_\_\_\_ again until next Sunday.

a) can’t discuss/can’t have been meeting

b) must be discussing/didn’t have to meet

c) should discuss/won’t be able to meet

d) don’t need to discuss/shouldn’t meet

6) \_\_\_\_\_ we eat out tonight for a change? It \_\_\_\_\_ an expensive place.

a) How about/doesn’t have to be

b) Shall/needn’t be

c) Why don’t/can’t be

d) What about/may not be

7) \_\_\_\_\_ you please answer that call? I \_\_\_\_\_ care of the baby.

a) Will/have to take

b) Could/needn’t take

c) Might/must take

d) May/should be taking

8) Randall thinks he \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion, but he \_\_\_\_\_ it yet.

a) must get/doesn’t need to get

b) can get/didn’t have to get

c) should get/hasn’t been able to get

d) ought to be getting/couldn’t get

9) When \_\_\_\_\_ I wake you up? You \_\_\_\_\_ up early tomorrow morning, don't you?

a) should/may get

b) can/had to get

c) shall/need to get

d) must/can get

10) She \_\_\_\_\_ well when she first got her driving licence, but she \_\_\_\_\_ it by now.

a) couldn’t drive/must have learnt

b) didn’t have to drive/will be able to learn

c) isn’t able to drive/must learn

d) wasn’t able to drive/shouldn’t have learnt

**KEY**

1) d 2) b 3) a 4) d 5) c 6) b 7) a 8) c 9) c 10) a