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Must vs. Have To: Expressing Obligation

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1. Complete the stressed student's morning reminders by choosing the correct word for each blank.

I _____ remember to buy coffee before my morning lecture. The syllabus says that everyone _____ complete the online quiz before class begins.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) must
B) have
C) has

Blank 2

A) has to
B) have to
C) musts

2. Help the dramatic knight understand his king's orders by choosing the correct phrase.

"You ___ the dragon before sunset, or we won't have a fire to roast our royal marshmallows!"

Select one.

A) must to defeat
B) must defeat
C) have defeat
D) must defeating

3. Complete the exhausted roommate's diary entry about living with a fitness fanatic by selecting the best verbs.

"My roommate is completely obsessed with his morning routine. He _____ wake up at 5:00 AM every single day to run. I, on the other hand, _____ wake up until 8:00 AM, thank goodness!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) have to
B) has to
C) must to

Blank 2

A) mustn't
B) doesn't have to
C) don't have to

4. You are reading a top-secret manual for surviving a vampire attack. Select ALL the grammatically correct options to complete this crucial safety rule.

"If you hear a knock at your window at midnight, you _____ keep the door locked!"

Select all that apply.

A) must
B) have to
C) have got to
D) must to
E) has to

5. Select the grammatically correct question for this grumpy teenager.

"___ wear this extremely itchy sweater to Aunt Martha's party?"

Select one.

- **A)** Do I must
- **B)** Have I to
- **C)** Do I have to
- **D)** Must I to

6. Review Professor Higgins' famously terrifying class syllabus. Select ALL the phrases that correctly complete his rule about classroom supplies.

"To pass this class, each student _____ bring a perfectly sharpened pencil to every lecture."

Select all that apply.

- **A)** must
- **B)** has to
- **C)** have to
- **D)** musts

7. Help the unlucky driver finish his text message to his friend by choosing the correct verb for each blank.

Yesterday, my car broke down in the rain, so I _____ walk three miles to work! At least I _____ pay for parking.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had to
- **B)** must
- **C)** have to

Blank 2

- **A)** didn't have to
- **B)** must not
- **C)** hasn't to

8. Help the frantic baking instructor remind her students of the kitchen rules by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

"Listen up, everyone! You _____ eat the raw eggs, unless you want a trip to the hospital! However, you _____ frost the cupcakes right this second—take your time and do it when they finally cool down."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** don't have to
- **B)** mustn't
- **C)** haven't to

Blank 2

- **A)** mustn't
- **B)** don't have to
- **C)** doesn't have to

9. Complete the student's dramatic text message explaining why he missed the morning lecture. Select the correct option for each gap.

"I'm so sorry I'm late! I _____ rescue a very angry raccoon from my garbage can this morning. Because of that little adventure, I missed the bus and _____ walk three miles in the pouring rain!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** must
- **B)** have to
- **C)** had to

Blank 2

- **A)** must
- **B)** have to
- **C)** had to

10. Complete the frustrated college student's text message to their mom.

"It's so unfair! My roommate never cleans, so our poor robot vacuum ___ do all the work."

Select one.

- **A)** have to
- **B)** has to
- **C)** must to
- **D)** haves to

11. Help the new gym member understand the rules by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

You _____ wear outdoor shoes on the basketball court, because the dirt will ruin the wood. However, you _____ bring your own towel, because the front desk provides them for free.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** must not
- **B)** don't have to
- **C)** doesn't have to

Blank 2

- **A)** don't have to
- **B)** must not
- **C)** mustn't

12. Help the exhausted college student leave a polite but firm note for their extremely messy roommate. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that express a strong obligation.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** You must wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- **B)** You have to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- **C)** You must to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.
- **D)** You has to wash your coffee mugs before they grow legs and walk away.