BBC Learning English Quiznet Obligation and permission

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- 1. In our office, we can dress quite informally. ______ wear jeans.
- a) We have to
- b) We're allowed to
- c) We're not allowed to
- d) We mustn't
- 2. You _____. It's bad for you.
- a) shouldn't smoke
- b) should to not smoke
- c) shouldn't to smoke
- d) shouldn't smoking
- **3.** I had an argument with Maria last night. It was all my fault, really. I suppose I ______, and then we can be friends again.
- a) don't have to apologise
- b) should to apologise
- c) mustn't apologise
- d) should apologise
- **4.** It's up to you. We ______ go out for a meal. We can stay at home and cook if you like.
- a) shouldn't
- b) don't have to
- c) mustn't
- d) none of the above
- 5. This is the pilot speaking. We're about to take off so please ensure your mobile phones are switched off. You ______ make or receive calls during take off.
- a) aren't allowed to
- b) mustn't
- c) can't
- d) all of the above
- 6. She's in the army so she ______ a uniform.
- a) has to wearing
- b) have to wear
- c) has to wear
- d) all of the above

ANSWERS:

- 1. In our office, we can dress quite informally. ______ wear jeans.
- a) We have to If you have to do something, you are obliged to do it. Here, the correct answer means we are permitted to wear jeans.
- b) We're allowed to This means we are permitted to wear jeans.
- c) We're not allowed to If you are not allowed to do something, you are not permitted to do it. Here, the correct answer means we are permitted to wear jeans.
- d) We mustn't If you mustn't do something, you are not permitted to do it. Here, the correct answer means we are permitted to wear jeans.
- 2. You _____. It's bad for you.
- a) shouldn't smoke This means the person speaking thinks smoking is not the right thing to do.
- b) should to not smoke You need a different negative form of 'should' here from 'should to not'.
- c) shouldn't to smoke There is one extra word here.
- d) shouldn't smoking After 'shouldn't' we don't use the '-ing' form of the verb.
- I had an argument with Maria last night. It was all my fault, really. I suppose I ______, and then we can be friends again.
- a) don't have to apologise If you don't have to do something, you have a choice you can do or not do it. Here the correct answer means the correct thing to do is to apologise.
- b) should to apologise After 'should', we don't use an infinitive form ('to apologise'). We use the base form (without the 'to')
- c) mustn't apologise If you mustn't apologise, you are not permitted to apologise. Here the correct answer means the correct thing to do is to apologise.
- d) should apologise This means you think it's a good idea to apologise.

- **4.** It's up to you. We ______ go out for a meal. We can stay at home and cook if you like.
- a) shouldn't 'Shouldn't means 'not permitted to'. Here the correct answer means there's a choice about doing something, you have a choice you can do or not do it
- b) don't have to 'Don't have to' means there's a choice about doing something, you have a choice you can do or not do it
- c) mustn't 'Mustn't means 'not permitted to'. Here the correct answer means there's a choice about doing something. You have a choice – you can do or not do it
- d) none of the above One of these options is correct. Try again.
- This is the pilot speaking. We're about to take off so please ensure your mobile phones are switched off. You _____ make or receive calls during take off.
- a) aren't allowed to Although 'not be allowed to do something' does mean you're not permitted to do something, there are other options here that are also correct.
- b) mustn't Although 'mustn't do something' does mean you're not permitted to do something, there are other options here that are also correct.
- c) can't Although 'can't do something' does mean you're not permitted to do something, there are other options here that are also correct.
- d) all of the above Correct. You can use all of these expressions to tell someone they are not permitted to do something.
- **6.** She's in the army so she ______ a uniform.
- a) has to wearing The pattern with 'have to' is 'have to' + base verb.
- b) have to wear With 'she', we don't use 'have'.
- c) has to wear This means she is obliged to wear the uniform. She has no choice about it.
- d) all of the above One of these options is correct. Try again.

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