Modals

A. Complete the text with a suitable modal verb in each space. Use each word once. [15p]

must	ought/need	could	should	can
should	had	must	had	might	would
need/would	might/could/may	should	can	

Some people always have good advice to give you, but only after the event. You 1_____ have come across the type, who somehow always knows what you 2_____ have done when it has become too late. By now, I 3 _____ spot them a mile off. It 4_____ be because I have had so much practice. Last week, for example, I 5_____ to take my car to the garage because they lights weren't working. It was an expensive job, but I decided that I 6_____ as well pay, and get it over quickly. "You 7 _____ have told me," said a friend when I was telling him how much I 8_____ to pay. "I 9_____ easily have fixed it for you. Then you 10_____ not have wasted so much money." You 11_____ imagine how I felt! Actually, he 12_____ probably have made a mess of the job, and I 13_____ well have ended up paying more. But it does seem strange that everyone else 14_____ know exactly what I 15_____ to do.

B. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase so that the meaning stays the same. The new sentence must not contain the word or words underlined. [10p]

1. It would have been a good idea to take your umbrella.

You _____ taken your umbrella.

2. The hotel was as comfortable as possible.

The hotel could _____ more comfortable.

3. It's possible that John is out.

John _____ out.

4. You are quite wrong to eat so much chocolate.

You _____ eat so much chocolate.

5. I'm sure this isn't the road to Canterbury.

We _____ on the road to Canterbury.

C. Complete each sentence with a phrase containing a suitable form of the verb in brackets.

   Some negatives are needed. [5p]

1. But I only lent you the book this morning! You (finish) _____ it already!

2. I don't know who phoned, but I suppose it (be) _____ Sophia.

3. Strange (seem) _____, Harry has never been to London.

4. I told you we would miss the train! We (leave) _____ earlier!

5. It rained every day on my holiday in France, so I (need) _____ the suntan lotion

   after all!

6. Well, I thought the food was awful. It (be) _____ the same restaurant

   you went to.

D. Choose the correct option, A, B or C to complete the sentence. [5p]

1. Well, if you always feel tired, I think you _____ go to bed earlier.

       a. don't have to   **b. must**   **c. should**

2. I'm sorry I dropped the eggs. I _____ to carry so many things at the same time.

       a. don't have to try   **b. shouldn't have tried**   **c. needn't have tried**

3. You _____ to begin writing until I give the instruction.

       a. are not   **b. should not**   **c. must not**

4. Lucky you managed to hang on to that tree. You _____ down the cliff.

       a. could have fallen   **b. must have fallen**   **c. may have fallen**

5. I don't know what time I'll be home. I _____ be quite late, I'm afraid.

       a. must   **b. can**   **c. may**