

PRACTICE EXERCISES – Modals

Level Intermediate 2

(Time allowed: 45 minutes)

I. Make sentences from the words in brackets

0. Don't phone Ann now. (she might / have / lunch)

She might be having lunch.

1. I ate too much. Now I feel sick. (I shouldn't / eat / so much)

2. Why did you go home early? (you / needn't / go / home early)

3. I wonder why Tom didn't phone me. (he must / forget)

4. You've signed the contract. (It / can't / change / now)

5. What's Linda doing? - I'm not sure. (she may / watch / television)

6. Ann was standing outside the cinema. (she must / wait / for somebody)

7. He was in prison at the time that the crime was committed, so (he couldn't / do / it)

8. Why weren't you here earlier? (you ought/ be/ here / earlier)

9. Why didn't you ask me to help you? (I / would / help / you)

10. I'm surprised nobody told you that the road was very dangerous. (you should / warn)

11. George was in a strange mood yesterday. (he might not / feel / very well)

II. Write the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets

0. *Perhaps Susan knows the address. (may)*

Susan may know the address.

1. We should be careful. (ought)

2. I managed to finish all my work. (able)

3. I realize that it was a terrible experience for you. (must)

4. It's against the rules for players to have a drink. (allowed)

5. The best thing for you to do is to sit down. (better)

6. The report must be on my desk tomorrow. (has)

7. It's possible that Joanna did not receive my message. (might)

8. It's impossible for Martin to be jogging in this weather. (can't)

9. It was not necessary for Nancy to clean the flat. (didn't)

THE END

Total score:/20