Modals of probability No.3

Exercise 1. ***Complete the sentences with the correct word. Write letters A, B, C or D in the gap left.***

1. As we already represent three major brands, Siemens probably ____ offer us an exclusive contract.
   A won't B will C must D can't
2. I can't believe there are so many complaints about our new range of biscuits. There ____ be something wrong with one of the ingredients.
   A must B should C can D might
3. I'm worried that if we don't meet the deadline, we ____ lose this client.
   A can B are likely C will D won't
4. They haven't done any market research, so these figures ____ be accurate.
   A mustn't B might C can't D must
5. Sales ____ very likely to continue to rise till the summer.
   A should B are C will D ought to
6. The deluxe model ____ not be as successful this year as it was last year.
   A ought B might C must D can
7. They ____ be doing well because they have just closed down two of their subsidiaries.
   A mustn't B shouldn't C can't D might not
8. Unfortunately, our competitors ____ most probably launch a similar model at about the same time.
   A must B will C should D may
9. We can't make a firm prediction at this stage, but we ____ be able to get the new model out in time for the spring trade fair.
   A won't B shouldn't C might not D can't
10. There is no doubt about it any more. The planning authority ____ agree to our request.
    A won't definitely B is likely to C probably will D definitely won't

Exercise 2. ***Complete the sentences with CAN, CAN'T, MIGHT, WILL, WON'T or MUST and an infinitive in the appropriate form of the verbs given brackets.***

1. Kerry's rather late. She _____ (miss) the train.
2. Don't phone her now. It _____ (be) the middle of the night in Australia.
3. They _____ (not move) house yet. I saw them in town this morning.
4. That woman's just fallen over. Let's go and see her: she _____ (be) hurt.
5. The encyclopedias _____ (be found) on the second floor of the library.
6. I _____ (come) and visit you at the weekend. Anyway, I'll give you a ring to let you know.
7. They're not answering the phone so they _____ (be) out.
8. These glasses _____ (be) Tim's: they look a bit like his.
9. Some airlines definitely _____ (not lower) their prices because their revenue is falling.
10. That looks like Jack but it _____ (not be) him. He went to live in Australia last year.
11. I _____ (join) the sports club in the summer but I haven't decided yet.
12. It _____ (not rain): the ground's completely dry.

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Exercise 3. ***Using the words in italics, rewrite the sentences so that they mean the same.***

1. They are very unlikely to agree to a discount of over 5%. ***almost certainly***

   They _____.

2. I think you'll win this contract. ***probably***

   You _____.

3. Perhaps demand for more environment-friendly products will go up. ***could***

   Demand _____.

4. You probably won't get a refund if you've taken the engine apart. ***unlikely***

   You _____.

5. I don't think that our market share will increase. ***definitely***

   Our market share _____.

6. The deal will probably be signed before the end of the year. ***likely***

   The deal _____.

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