Choose the correct modal verbs of deduction for each gap below.

1 Paul is behaving in a very unusual way. I think he _____ again.

*a.*can't drink

*b.*can be drinking

*c.*might be drinking

2 I think there _____ a mistake in your tax return. You should check it.

Choose TWO correct options

*a.*can't be

*b.*might be

*c.*may be

3 If Suzan said that, it _____ true. She never lies.

*a.*might be

*b.*must be

*c.*can be

4 Sorry, but I'm not Connor. You _____ me for someone else.

*a.*might be confusing

*b.*must confuse

*c.*must be confusing

5 I'm not sure I trust Peter. He _____ the person we think he is.

*a.*might not be

*b.*can't be

*c.*must not be

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6 You have walked for ten hours. You _____ exhausted.

*a.*can be

*b.*can't be

*c.*must be

7 He _____ his son, they look completely different.

*a.*might be

*b.*can't be

*c.*must not be

8 There's a bit of traffic, so I _____ arrive in time. **Choose TWO correct options**

*a.*might not

*b.*must not

*c.*may not

9 He _____ be very proud of you right now. You disappointed him.

*a.*must not

*b.*can't

*c.*might

10 I wouldn't swim in this river if I were you. It _____ dangerous.

Choose TWO correct options

*a.*might be

*b.*may be

*c.*can be

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Complete the dialogues with *must, might, might not* or *can't*.

Dialogue 1

A: Someone is knocking at the door.

B: It 1 _____ be the pizza delivery man. I ordered a pizza.

A: I know you ordered a pizza. But it 2 _____ be him, because you ordered the pizza five minutes ago.

B: Yes, you are right. Then it 3 _____ be your sister.

A: No, it 4 _____ be my sister, she's out of town.

B: Well, then just open the door; it 5 _____ be important.

Dialogue 2

A: Why don't you tell me what is the matter with you?

B: Well, I should tell you something and I think you 6 _____ like it.

A: Come on! Tell me what it is. It 7 _____ be that bad.

B: I don't know. I'm afraid you 8 _____ react badly.

A: Then I'm sure it 9 _____ be serious. Please, tell me.

B: I saw Lindsey holding hands with another man.

A: What?

B: Please, I know you 10 _____ be upset right now, but...

A: Dude, Lindsey and I broke up more than a year ago. Didn't you know?

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Choose the correct modal verbs of deduction to complete the sentences below.

1 The phone is ringing. It _____ be Charlotte; she said she would call this morning. **can/can't /must**

2 She_____ be in love with him She told me she hates him.

can't/might not/must

3 He_____ be at the gym right now. Sometimes he goes there at this time. **might /must/can't**

4 This is not possible. You_____be serious! **can't/must/might not**

5 If he drives a jaguar, he_____ be quite rich. **might /must/can't**

6 You should pick up the phone. It _____ be an important call.

can't/might/can

7 He_____ know the answer, he's the best in the class.

can/must/might

8 You_____ be right, but it's better if we check. **can/can't /might**

9 He_____ be in class. I saw him at the library a minute ago.

must/might not/can't

10 A: Who's at the door?

B: I don't know; it_____ be John. **may/can't must**

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