PAST MODALS OF DEDUCTION

I: Choose the correct MODAL VERB in the mini conversations:

a. Do you know where my smartphone is?
b. Yes, it is in the bathroom. You **must**/couldn't have left it there this morning.

a. I'm finished.
b. You couldn't /might be finished already!

a. Did I tell you about my friend Roger?
b. I think you can't /might have told me, but I forgotten. Tell me again.

a. I can't stop thinking about where he might be.
b. Yes, anything could /must have happened to him

a. My ex-boyfriend starred in a movie once.
b. Really? With looks like his, it may /must have been planet of the Apes.

a. I'm sorry, but I think I couldn't /may have been a little impolite to you yesterday.
b. Impolite? I thought you were really rude, actually.

II. Choose the correct option:

1. She _____ misunderstood my directions. Why is she late?
   a. Can't have b. must have

2. He _____gone to the beach. He hates being in the sun.
   a. May have b. can't have
3. I_____ written down the number incorrectly. I just called a hospital not the restaurant.
   a. Must have b. might have
4. They _____been at the cafe but I didn't see them.
   a. Must have b. could have
5. John _____been very happy when he found out he was going to a father. He has wanted this for a long time.
   a. Must have b. may have