

MODALS & SEMI-MODALS

A. Drag and drop the correct modal verb.

can	might	should	may	be able to
could	must	need	would	have to

1. Sam _____ always go jogging in the morning before he started work.
2. Leela _____ take up dancing as a hobby next month.
3. Xin Yi _____ be nervous about the archery competition.
4. _____ you please pass me the novel?
5. Joe will _____ play the drum tonight.
6. What _____ Aminah do about her weight?
7. Did Lim _____ to pay to join the drama club?
8. _____ we go to the theatre tonight?
9. Zoe _____ do some training before she can enter the competition.
10. Muthu _____ decide to join the track and field team soon.

B. Choose the correct answers.

1. Is it ok if I borrow your book?
Should / Can / Must I borrow your book?
2. I am certain Lee is at the school field because his football boots are not here.
Lee's football boots are not here so he must be / can be / might be at the school field.
3. The children were not able to open the door.
The children did not / could not / cannot open the door.
4. Anna was able to play the violin very well when she was younger.
When Anna was younger, she should / can / could play the violin very well.
5. You ought not to go hiking today as it is very windy.
You should not / must not / may not go hiking today as it is very windy.
6. I think it's a brilliant idea for you to take care of the kitten.
You must / ought to / might take care of the kitten.
7. Philip is able to join the basketball team.
Philip must / can / could join the basketball team.
8. It's possible that Alice will have her solo exhibition next year.
Alice may / must / should have her solo exhibition next year.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Jane _____ take part in the swimming competition as she is a good swimmer.
A. need
B. can
C. should
D. used to
2. Mike _____ write more so he could improve his handwriting.
A. could
B. would
C. might
D. ought to
3. _____ you help me carry the groceries? They are so heavy!
A. must
B. may
C. should
D. can
4. Jung Kook _____ go parachuting as it is too dangerous.
A. dare
B. need not
C. ought to
D. should not
5. Lisa _____ play netball when she was younger, but now she prefers tennis.
A. used to
B. will
C. would
D. must
6. Rashid _____ win the squash match if he practises really hard.
A. shall not
B. must
C. need not
D. could
7. Nurul _____ be careful when she climbs Mount Kinabalu.
A. can
B. should
C. used to
D. would
8. Father _____ worry about me when I go sailing as I can take care of myself.
A. might
B. need not
C. can't
D. ought to
9. Arthur, you ____ tell anyone about this. It's a secret between you and me, okay?
A. could not
B. would not
C. must not
D. will not
10. Please don't call him now. He _____ have got out of bed yet.
A. should not
B. would not
C. might not
D. could not
11. There was no other car involved in the accident. Jane _____ fallen asleep at the wheel.
A. can't have
B. would have
C. must have
D. need have
12. Why was Mom so bad-tempered yesterday? She _____ a headache.
A. may have
B. would have
C. may have had
D. would have had