PAST MODALS TO SPECULATE

A.- Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences. (5m)

1. It *might/can't* be hot at the beach, so take some suntan lotion.
2. You've got a lot of crime books – you *must/could* like detective fiction.
3. Don't buy a book for Tara's birthday. She *can/might* already have it. Get her some flowers instead.
4. That *can't/must* be the new student. I haven't seen him before.
5. The teacher *mustn't/can't* have the results already. We only took the test this morning.

B.- Complete the sentences with *must have, can't have, might have* and the correct form of the verbs given. (5m)

1. Paul ..... (make) this cake! He doesn't know anything about baking!
2. Jamie ..... (go shopping) because he said he needed some new trainers, but I'm not sure.
3. Ralph ..... (repair) the computer already. He's only been here for five minutes.
4. We ..... (miss) the turning. This is the wrong road.
5. You ..... (hear) about the accident. It was in all the newspapers.

C.- Circle the correct alternative. (5m)

1. DNA evidence shows that he *can't/can* be guilty.
2. William *must/might* be a prince because his grandmother is a queen.
3. He *might/mustn't* be a descendant of King Edward but nobody really knows.
4. The history book on the table *can't/must* be yours because I've got mine.
5. This *can't/must* be Swiss chocolate – look, there's a Swiss flag on it.

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D.- What do you think has happened? Give reason using past modal verbs and the prompts. (5m)

1 My TV has gone! (somebody steal) *I'm sure.*
Somebody must have stolen the TV.

2 The boy's parents are late for the meeting. (get stuck / traffic) *I think*
They .....

3 My brother arrived at midnight. He hadn't eaten all day. (very hungry) *I'm sure*
He .....

4 There was a tree on my car this morning. (blow over in the storm) *I'm sure*
It .....

5 I could hear a very strange noise in the garden last night. (the wind) *I think*
It .....

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