MODALS_advanced practice

I. Complete the sentences. Use *couldn't* or *couldn't have* + these verbs (in the correct form):

come *find* *get* *live* *wear* *be(x2)*

1. I _____ in a big city. I'd hate it.
2. We had a really good holiday. It _____ better.
3. I _____ that hat. I'd look silly and people would laugh at me.
4. We managed to find the restaurant you recommended, but we _____ it without the map that you drew for us.
5. Paul has to get up at 4 o'clock every morning. I don't know how he does it. I _____ up at that time every day.
6. The staff at the hotel were really nice when we stayed there last summer. They _____more helpful.
7. A: I tried to phone you last week. We had a party and I wanted to invite you.
   B: That was nice of you, but I _____ anyway. I was away all last week.

II. Put in *must* or *can't*.

1. You've been travelling all day. You _____be tired.
2. That restaurant _____be very good. It's always full of people.
3. That restaurant _____ be very good. It's always empty.
4. I'm sure I gave you the key. You_____have it. Have you looked in your bag?
5. I often see that woman walking along this street. She _____be living near here.
6. It rained every day during their holiday, so they _____ have had a very nice time.
7. Congratulations on passing your exam. You _____ be very pleased.
8. You got here very quickly. You_____ have walked very fast.
9. Bill and Sue always stay at luxury hotels, so they _____ be short of money.

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III. Read the situations and use the words in brackets to write sentences with *must have* and *can't have*.

1. We went to their house and rang the doorbell, but nobody answered. (they / go out) _____

2. Sarah hasn't contacted me. (she / get / my message) _____

3. The jacket you bought is very good quality. (it / very expensive) _____

4. I haven't seen our neighbours for ages. (they / go away) _____

5. I can't find my umbrella. (I / leave / it in the restaurant last night) _____

6. Amy was in a very difficult situation when she lost her job. (it / easy for her) _____

7. There was a man standing outside the cafe. (he / wait / for somebody) _____

8. Rachel did the opposite of what I asked her to do. (she / understand / what I said) _____

9. When I got back to my car, the door was unlocked. (I / forget / to lock it) _____

10. I was woken up in the night by the noise next door. (my neighbours / have / a party) _____

11. The light was red, but the car didn't stop. (the driver / see / the red light) _____

IV: Underline the best answers from each group in italics.

1. A: I've spent most of the morning trying to fix my washing machine, but I seem to have made it worse.

B: You *ought to ask/may ask/ought to have asked* me to come over and take a look at it. I *would have been/ should be/would be* happy to help. But I suppose it's too late now!

2. The taxi *needs to/ should/would be* here in a couple of minutes. We'*d better/ 've better/ 'd better* to get ready to go.

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3. My daughter *wouldn't/ won't/ may not* eat carrots. She hates the taste of them. I *don't have to/ 'm not able to/ can't think of* any way of getting her to eat them. But to tell the truth, I *could/ would/ used to* hate them when I was young, too.

4. A: We're completely lost! *I'm not able to/ can't / mustn't* find any Of the street names around here on the map.

B: We *must have/ have got to have/ can have taken* the wrong turning at the traffic lights about a kilometre back.

5. You *haven't got to/ needn't/ mustn't* go on the beach when the tide's coming in. It's very dangerous. You *can/ might/ would* play in the fields instead.

6. I was beginning to be concerned that I *won't/ mustn't/ wouldn't* get to the station for my train. But I *didn't need worry/ needn't have worried/ needn't worry*; Colin turned up in good time to give me a lift.

7. Most head teachers today feel that parents *need/ should/ had better* play a more active part in the running of schools. There was a time when parents *would/ will/ should* put a lot of effort into raising money for school projects, but those days seem to have gone.

8. A: These trousers shrank the first time I washed them.

B: If I were you, I *ought to/ should/ can* take them back.

A: Yes, I suppose they *can/ need/ may* give me my money back.

9. Preliminary research suggests that the bones *must/ have got to/ used to* be at least 100,000 years old, but they *would/ could/ can* be considerably older than that.

10. Apparently, in the future, airline passengers *will be able to/ can/ could* send and receive email messages without moving from their seats. Of course, by the time this is common, we *can/ must/ might* have started using even more efficient ways of communicating.

11. Both candidates for the job were very strong and it was hard to choose between them. I certainly *couldn't/ mustn't/ had got to* have decided which one to appoint. But fortunately, we *hadn't got to/ didn't have to/ mustn't* make a final decision; the management found enough money to allow us to appoint both of them.

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12. You *needn't/ don't need to/ mustn't* be very fit to play badminton well. It *can/ is able to/ could* be played by anyone who is reasonably fit and who has a good sense of timing.

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