

# PRACTICE QUESTIONS

## I. Directions (Q. Nos. 1-5) Choose the correct modal to fill the blanks.

1. This bill ..... be right. 50\$ for a cup of coffee!  
(a) must not (b) should not  
(c) cannot (d) could not
2. Is there any way I ..... ride with you to work?  
(a) must (b) could  
(c) would (d) had to
3. Leave on time, lest you ..... miss the train.  
(a) should (b) would  
(c) could (d) must
4. After several hours of futile research, James decided to take a break before he ..... his search for pertinent data once again.  
(a) would resume (b) could resume  
(c) will resumed (d) should resumed
5. .... I get something to drink, please? I am very thirsty.  
(a) Should (b) Will  
(c) Can (d) Dare

## II. Directions (Q. Nos. 6-10) Fill in the blanks with the correct modal verbs.

6. He is working very hard so that he ..... get an appraisal.  
(a) might (b) could  
(c) must (d) may
7. If we had money, we ..... bought a house.  
(a) may have (b) could have  
(c) should have (d) must have
8. How ..... you enter my room. Get out at once.  
(a) need (b) may  
(c) dare (d) could
9. You ..... to take fatty food.  
(a) ought not (b) ought  
(c) must (d) need
10. I ..... Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Morocco.  
(a) should speak  
(b) will speak  
(c) can speak  
(d) could speak

## III. Directions (Q. Nos. 11-15) Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the options.

Accidents ..... (11) ..... happen anywhere and ..... (12) ..... result in injuries. Correct first aid at the earlier stage ..... (13) ..... be the difference between life and death. It ..... (14) ..... prevent any permanent loss. Knowledge of what ..... (15) ..... be done in such cases till the doctor arrives can always be helpful to the common man.

11. (a) might (b) should  
(c) can (d) will
12. (a) should (b) will  
(c) need not (d) may
13. (a) will (b) must  
(c) shall (d) could
14. (a) will (b) might  
(c) must (d) had to
15. (a) should (b) will  
(c) needn't (d) had to

## IV Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals.

- A.
1. Raj ..... certainly attend the conference.
  2. If you step on a dog, it ..... bite you.
  3. .... you please lend me your novel?
  4. Every morning Sameer ..... go for a long walk.
  5. I wish you ..... write to me more often.
  6. I ..... get back to my work.
  7. Students ..... answer all the questions.
  8. We ..... to help the poor.
  9. I ..... need the book today.
  10. He ..... not to sing for so long.
- B.
1. .... you live happily and long!
  2. I ..... swim across the river when I was young.
  3. I ..... be twenty-five next month.
  4. This ..... be the book you want, I suppose.
  5. I excepted that I ..... get a first class.



6. We should obey the laws and children .....  
obey their parents.
7. We ..... to love our neighbours.
8. How ..... you contradict me?
9. Do you ..... to go now?
10. You ..... improve you spelling.

**V Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals.**

- A.
1. He had been working for more than 11 hours. He ..... be tired after such hardwork. He ..... prefer to get some rest.
  2. I ..... speak French fluently when I was a child. But after we moved to England, I had very little exposure to the language. Now, I ..... just say a few things in French.
  3. The teacher said we ..... read this book for our own pleasure as it is optional. But we ..... read it if we don't want to.
  4. .... you stand on your head for more than a minute? No, I .....
  5. You ..... leave small objects lying around. Such objects ..... be swallowed by children.
  6. .... you speak Italian? No, I .....
  7. He said that it ..... be all right for you to enter, but I think you ..... wait until he gets here.
  8. .... you not reconsider you decision? You ..... regret it if you do not.
  9. If anything ..... go wrong while I am away, you ..... let me know, ..... not you?
  10. We ..... certainly have time for lunch. Where ..... we go?
- B.
1. I ..... not stop her from leaving. She ..... go if she wants to.
  2. I ..... not ask for his permission in case he says 'no'. I wish he were as lenient as he ..... be.
  3. The boy ..... be very hardworking, but now he is very lazy. He ..... pull up his socks.
  4. How ..... you say such a thing! You ..... be ashamed of yourself. You never ..... be so bold before.
  5. "Please ..... I have another bowl of rice, Mother?" the girl asked. "Yes, you ....., and you ..... have some fish too."

6. If I ..... say so, you ..... have at least given it another try. Who knows you ..... have succeeded.
7. You ..... study hard. You ..... not neglect your studies.
8. .... you do me a favour? ..... you pass this message to Harsh on your way home.
9. Where ..... we have our picnic? We ..... have it beside the lake.
10. .... you like a sandwich? No, I ..... have soup.

**VI Complete the following passages with appropriate models.**

- A.
1. If you (a) ..... some assistance organising your desk, your cupboard and your room, Tidy Teens (b) ..... help. This student-run group raises money for charity by cleaning up.  
"We didn't realise it when we started, but we (c) ..... thought of a better way to raise money", says 17-year-old Brian Mason, who helped establish the group. We (d) ..... support such groups.
  2. God is great and we (a) ..... be grateful to him. We (b) ..... do our duty and leave the reward in the hands of God. Ultimately, God (c) ..... help us. We (d) ..... leave everything to God.
- B.
1. Anubha (a) ..... thought she was dreaming when she heard that she'd won the National Secondary School Essay Contest. "I didn't believe it", she explains. "I just laughed at first, which I probably (b) ..... done." The prize, a cheque for ₹10000 will be awarded to Anubha at a ceremony in March. "I (c) ..... guessed that there would be a price to pay for the award and there is. I (d) ..... write a speech to give at the ceremony", Anubha says. "I'm pretty nervous but I hope (e) ..... able to do a good job."
  2. Shopkeeper : (a) ..... I help you?  
Customer : Yes, (b) ..... you show me some shirts please?  
Shopkeeper : All right, Sir I (c) ..... show you several designs with different shades.

Customer : That (d) ..... be the shirt Jayant told me about. (e) ..... you tell me its price please?

Shopkeeper : It costs only ₹ 599.

Customer : Ok. I (f) ..... take two of them. The blue one and the white one.

**VII Complete the following passages with suitable modals.**

- A. 1. Seeing a crow eating a piece of bread, a fox thought how it (a) ..... trick that fellow. It said, "(b) ..... I talk to you sir?" The crow didn't even look at the fox. The fox again said, "(c) ..... you please pay a little attention to me? What a nice bird you are! Your voice (d) ..... be very sweet. I am sure you (e) ..... sing very well." The crow who (f) ..... not be persuaded till then now looked at the fox. It (g) ..... have felt flattered. The crow said to itself, "I'll show this fox how well I (h) ..... sing." It opened its beak. The piece of bread fell down and was eaten away quickly by the fox.
2. People who (a) ..... remain on outdoor shootings (b) ..... given a chance to go

abroad. But they (c) ..... have their passports ready. They (d) ..... get a free ticket for one of their family members, if only their passport (e) ..... be arranged. The company would provide them spare dollars. So the members (f) ..... take more foreign exchange with them. If they do so they will (g) ..... declare them at the checking counter. They (h) ..... get into unnecessary trouble this way.

- B. 1. Don't eat this fruit. It (a) ..... be poisonous. This (b) ..... prove harmful for your health. This perhaps, (c) ..... lead to death. Therefore, you (d) ..... not eat this fruit. It (e) ..... not be eaten raw. Before eating, its skin (f) ..... be removed.
2. The Vidyut Board Office has warned that they (a) ..... cut the electricity connection if I don't pay the bill by today. So I (b) ..... go to the office to pay the bill. I (c) ..... have paid the amount yesterday but the office was closed. I (d) ..... finish my work immediately and rush to the office so that I (e) ..... pay the bill before 2 p.m. I (f) ..... be late, perhaps.



# Answers

- I.** 1. (c) cannot 2. (b) could  
3. (a) should 4. (a) would resume  
5. (c) Can
- II.** 6. (d) may 7. (b) could have  
8. (c) dare 9. (a) ought not  
10. (d) could speak
- III.** 11. (c) can 12. (d) may  
13. (d) could 14. (b) might  
15. (a) should
- IV A.** 1. will 2. will 3. Would  
4. would 5. would 6. must  
7. must 8. ought 9. will  
10. ought
- B.** 1. May 2. could 3. shall  
4. will 5. would 6. should  
7. ought 8. dare 9. need  
10. must
- V A.** 1. must, may 2. could, can  
3. can, need not 4. Can, cannot  
5. should not, may 6. Can, cannot  
7. would, should 8. Would, will  
9. should, would, would 10. will, shall
- B.** 1. shall, can 2. dare, used to  
3. used to, ought to 4. dare, ought to, used to  
5. may, may, may 6. may, might, might
7. should, must  
9. will, can
- VI A.** 1. (a) need  
(c) could not have  
2. (a) should  
(c) will  
**B.** 1. (a) must have  
(c) should have  
(e) would be  
2. (a) May  
(c) can  
(e) Could
- VII A.** 1. (a) could  
(c) Would  
(e) can  
(g) must  
2. (a) have to  
(c) should  
(e) can  
(g) have
- B.** 1. (a) could  
(c) could  
(e) must  
2. (a) will  
(c) would  
(e) can
8. Could, Can  
10. Would, will  
(b) might  
(d) must/should  
(b) should  
(d) should  
(b) should not have  
(d) have to  
(b) will  
(d) might  
(f) will  
(b) May  
(d) must  
(f) could  
(h) can  
(b) must  
(d) hould  
(f) can  
(h) will not  
(b) may  
(d) should  
(f) should  
(b) have to  
(d) will  
(f) may