

## 1ST BACCALAUREATE – MODAL VERBS REVIEW

### 1. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the modal verbs below and the verbs in brackets:

**MIGHT – MUST – OUGHT TO – SHOULD – HAVE TO – COULD – CAN**

1. I'm not really sure where Beverly is. She \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in the living room, or perhaps she's in the backyard.
2. Doug \_\_\_\_\_ (return) the video we rented on his way to work. It was on the table, but now it's gone.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ (check) the air pressure in your tires. You don't want to get a flat tire on your trip.
4. The computer isn't working. It \_\_\_\_\_ (damage) during production.
5. The package \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) tomorrow afternoon. It was sent by express mail this morning.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ (book) the tickets for the play in advance - they sell out quickly.
7. You can't mean that! You \_\_\_\_\_ (joke).
8. If Debbie hasn't come home yet, she \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for us in the coffee shop.
9. Mike decided not to join us for lunch. He \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at work to finish the marketing report.
10. If I had gone with my friends to Jamaica, I \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on a white sand beach right now.
11. If I had gone with my friends to Jamaica, I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to work this week.
12. If I had gone with my friends to Jamaica, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) scuba diving lessons.
13. Margaret agreed to meet us at the entrance to the theater. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for us when we get there.
14. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Sam who called and didn't leave a message on the answering machine. He said he wanted to get together with us this weekend.
15. The machine \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) on by flipping this switch.
16. She \_\_\_\_\_ (cry). That could have been why her eyes were so red and swollen.
17. If she was crying, she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very upset.
18. That painting \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) by Picasso. It could be a forgery.
19. Your diving equipment \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) regularly if you want to keep it in good condition.
20. If I hadn't taken a taxi, I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you at the train station for hours.

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2. **Fill in the blanks in each sentence using a modal verb, such as *can, could, would, should, might, may, must, or have to*, based on the situational hints shown in italics. Select the modal that seems most appropriate for the situation described, and be prepared to explain your choice.**
1. I ..... not know what to say to him if he showed up.  
*(I'm unprepared to speak to him.)*
  2. She ..... look at things differently once the facts are in.  
*(A change in opinion is possible after all the information becomes available.)*
  3. It's company policy; you ..... do it this way or your expenses won't be reimbursed.  
*(The company requires that this procedure be followed for expense reimbursements.)*
  4. I'm in terrible shape! I ..... exercise more!  
*(I've decided that more exercise is an absolute necessity for me.)*
  5. .... you get this report done for us by tomorrow morning?  
*(Are you willing and able to prepare this report by tomorrow if we ask you?)*
  6. .... you handle this much work on a regular basis?  
*(Do you have the capacity to handle this much work regularly?)*
  7. We were worried about you. You ..... have called us as soon as you knew you'd be late.  
*(Calling someone when you will be late is a good idea, in my opinion.)*
  8. You ..... want to think a little more carefully about that before trying it next time.  
*(I think you were stupid not to think more carefully about it.)*
  9. This computer's not working. It ..... have been damaged by the thunderstorm.  
*(The damage is a logical deduction based on the information available.)*
  10. Ellen ..... be sent to London this summer, if the board decides that the situation there warrants it.  
*(The trip is certainly possible, but whether or not she goes depends on the board's preference.)*
  11. My trainer says I'm in terrible shape. According to him I ..... exercise more.  
*(My trainer is trying to compel me to exercise more.)*
  12. You ..... always try reinstalling Windows, that might work if the disk is corrupt.  
*(This is one possible course of action, and there's a possibility of it working under certain conditions.)*
  13. I ..... not do that if I were you!  
*(I don't think your behavior is prudent, and my own normal behavior is different.)*
  14. When she was young, she ..... play tennis every single day, rain or shine.  
*(She did this habitually when she was young, although she doesn't necessarily do it now.)*
  15. .... I suggest this dark blue jacket?  
*(You're a customer in my upscale store, and I'm trying to be very polite.)*
  16. I ..... admit, it's a very nice-looking car.  
*(I have no choice but to admit that the car looks nice.)*
  17. She ..... admit that it was a very nice-looking car.  
*(She had no choice but to admit that the car looked nice.)*
  18. I ..... think not!  
*(I find that absolutely impossible to believe.)*
  19. .... we be required to ditch the aircraft, there are flotation devices under your seats.  
*(There are live-saving devices under your seats for use if we ditch in water.)*
  20. You ..... say that.  
*(That's another correct way of summarizing the situation.)*