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Second Term Exam Correction in Grammar

Level: Second Year

Group:.....

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Exercise One: Complete each sentence with a suitable modal verb (5pts, 0.5 for each statement)

1. You've been travelling all day. You **must** . be tired.
2. That restaurant **must** be very good. It's always full of people.
3. That restaurant **can't** be very good. It's always empty.
4. Gary has travelled a lot. He **can (is able to)** speak five languages.
5. I **haven't been able to sleep** very well recently.
6. Nicole **can (is able to)** drive, but she doesn't have a car.
7. Ask Katherine about your problem. Perhaps she **may/might/ could** help you.
8. Applicants for the job **must be able to** speak two foreign languages.
9. I'm afraid I **can't** come to your party next week.
10. I lost one of my gloves. I **must have dropped (might have dropped)** it somewhere.

Exercise Two: Say whether the following sentences are true or false then correct the false ones (5pts)

1. While "can" expresses general ability, "to be able to" is used to demonstrate an achievement. **True**
2. The modal "have to" can also be utilized to draw conclusions. **False**
The modal **must** is used to draw conclusions.
3. The modal "shall" is currently used in informal contexts to refer to future actions and plans. **False**
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4. The modal "may" suggests that there is less possibility compared to the modal "might". **False**
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5. "Can't" or "couldn't" is used to draw a negative conclusion. **True**
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Exercise Three: Complete these sentences with **could** or **was/were able to**. In one of each pair you can use either, so write them both. In the other it is more appropriate only to use **was/were able to**. (5pts, you must write both options when it is possible)

- 1.a. Despite yesterday's snowfalls, we **were able to** drive home in less than an hour.
- b. I only lived a mile from the office and I **was able to/could** drive to work in less than an hour.
2. a. When she was the manager of the company she **was able to/could** take holidays when she wanted to.
- b. I was very busy at work, but I **was able to** take a short holiday over Christmas.
3. a. In the 16th century, fishermen **were able to/could** smuggle wine into the country without fear of being caught by the authorities.
- b. Bennett **was able to** smuggle the knife on board the plane without being detected by the security system.

Exercise Four: Where necessary, suggest a correction for these sentences, or put a ✓. (5pts)

1. I think I saw her go out, so she might not be at home. ✓.
2. It mightn't be true. There must be some mistake. Can't be true
3. It's snowing heavily in Scotland so it **can** take Hugh a long time to get here. May,might, could
4. If we don't get to the market soon they **can't** have any flowers left. They will all have been sold.
Won't, may not, might not
5. If you're free at the moment, we may have a job for you. ✓.
6. May you be given the job permanently? Could you/ are you likely.....?
7. I thought they were on holiday but I can be wrong, of course.could/might/may
8. I might go out later if the weather improves. ✓.
9. Children may enter only when accompanied by an adult. ✓.
10. I've had this birthday card, but it doesn't say who sent it. "May it be from Ron?" could it/ might it?

Good Luck

