Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. She ......................... come today. (complete certainty)
   
   won't
   wouldn't
   may not

2. There is the phone. I ......................... go. (willingness)
   
   can
   will
   would

3. She ......................... be here soon. (possibility)
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4. She .................................. recognize you. (possibility)

cannot

will not

may not

5. Who knows? I .......................... be a millionaire one day. (weak possibility)

Please select 2 correct answers

can

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6. Glass ....................................... be blown. (Theoretical possibility)

7. All employees ................................ arrive for work by 8 o’clock. (obligation)
8. South India ……………………….. be quite warm in April. (Habitual possibility)

will

may

can

9. If she arrived now, we ……………………… ask her help. (Conditional possibility)

can

could

would

10. All children ……………………….. be difficult. (Habitual possibility)

can
11. You ................................ go now. (prohibition)

Please select 2 correct answers

can't

must not

may not

12. You ................................ work on Sundays. (Absence of obligation)

should not

need not

may not
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Answers

She won’t come today. (complete certainty)
There is the phone. I will go. (willingness)
She should be here soon. (possibility)
She may not recognize you. (possibility)
Who knows? I could / might be a millionaire one day. (weak possibility)
Glass can be blown. (Theoretical possibility)
All employees should arrive for work by 8 o’clock. (obligation)
South India can be quite warm in April. (Habitual possibility)
If she arrived now, we could ask her help. (Imaginary situation)
All children can be difficult. (Habitual possibility)
You can’t go now. (prohibition)
You need not work on Sundays.