Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary.

1. You ………………………………. start coming on time. (strong obligation)
   - must
   - will
   - can

2. You ………………………………. pay for this. (threat)
   - will
   - can
   - would

3. She ………………………………. be working late tonight. (weak possibility)
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4. She ................................ spend hours talking to herself. (past habit)

5. You ................................. give credit where it is due.

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Can

6. ........................................ the train be on time?

Will

Would

Can

7. ‘Can somebody help me?’ ‘I ........................................’ (willingness)

will

would

might

8. ........................................ I borrow your car?
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(Permission)

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9. She .................................. not get the job.  
(possibility)

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10. I promise I .................................. tell anybody.  

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11. .................................. you mind my sitting here?

Would
Will
May

12. She ................................. be here soon. (logical conclusion)

would
should
could
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Answers

You must start coming on time.
You will pay for this.
She might be working late tonight.
She would spend hours talking to herself.
You ought to give credit where it is due.
Will the train be on time?
‘Can somebody help me?’ ‘I will.’
Can I borrow your car?
She may not get the job.
I promise I won’t tell anybody.
Would you mind my sitting here?
She should be here soon.