Modal auxiliary verbs exercise

Complete the following sentences using appropriate modal auxiliary verbs. Each question is followed by three suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. I …………………… be happy to meet Robinson.
   will
   shall
   Either could be used here

2. …………………… he play for our team?
   Will
   Shall
   Either could be used here

3. …………………… I get a prize if I stand first in the examination?
   Will
   Would
   Should

4. I …………………… be able to beat him. (Express possibility)
   would
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could
should

5. Watch and pray lest you ................. fall into temptation.

will
would
should

6. The old man .................. recline in a corner and sleep most of the time. (Express a habitual action in the past)

will
would
should

7. I ..................... rather read a novel than watch that stupid movie.

will
would
should
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8. .................... you mind lending me your pen for a minute?

Would
Should
Could

9. Till last year, I .................. read without glasses.

would
should
could

10. If I .................... fly like a bird, I .................... be with you now.

could, would
would, would
could, should

Answers

1. I will / shall be happy to meet Robinson.
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2. Will he play for our team?

3. Will I get a prize if I stand first in the examination?

4. I should be able to beat him.

5. Watch and pray lest you should fall into temptation.

6. The old man would recline in a corner and sleep most of the time.

7. I would rather read a novel than watch that stupid movie.

8. Would you mind lending me your pen for a minute?

9. Till last year, I could read without glasses.

10. If I could fly like a bird, I would be with you now.