Modal Auxiliary Verbs Exercise

Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal auxiliary verbs.

1. My grandmother is eighty-five, but she ................. still read and write without glasses. (Ability)
   - can
   - could
   - may

2. ................. I come with you?
   - Can
   - Will
   - Would

3. ................. you help me with the housework, please? (Polite request)
   - Could
   - Will
   - Should

4. There was a time when I ................. stay up very late. (Past ability)
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would
could
can

5. You ............... not lose any more weight. You are already slim. (Necessity)

may
need
should

6. We ............... make the first move. (Prohibition)

must not
will not
cannot

7. It is snowing outside so I ............... stay at home. (Intention)

may
will
can
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8. I ................ get you a shawl from Kashmir. (Promise)

| will     | would    | can | may |

9. ............... you mind if I borrowed your car? (Permission)

| Will     | Would    | Should |

10. ............... you take care of my dog for a day? (Polite request)

| Will     | Shall    | Should |

11. Our country .................. become a super power by 2025. (possibility)

| may |
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might
will
should

12. She ............... sell her home because she needs money. (weak possibility)

may
might
could

Answers

1. My grandmother is eighty-five, but she can still read and write without glasses.
2. Can I come with you?
3. Could you help me with the housework, please?
4. There was a time when I could stay up very late.
5. You need not lose any more weight. You are already slim.
6. We must not make the first move.
7. It is snowing outside so I will stay at home.
8. I will get you a shawl from Kashmir.
9. Would you mind if I borrowed your car?
10. Will you take care of my dog for a day?
11. Our country may become a super power by 2025.
12. She might sell her home because she needs money.