Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate auxiliary verb.

1. The doctor said that I ………………………. exercise. (absolute necessity)

must
should
had to

2. You …………………………. work tomorrow. (lack of necessity)

must not
need not
should not

3. That curtain ………………………… be washed. (absolute necessity)
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need

must

should

4. I ……………………………. to walk three miles to school when I was a child. (past necessity)

had

must

need

5. You ………………………….. get a job. (strong necessity)

must

need
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6. ………………………. I borrow your car? (permission)

Can

Will

Shall

7. You can but you …………………………… bring it back by evening. (instruction for future)

must

have

would
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8. He said he ………………………… be here at three.

- will
- would
- can

9. She ………………………… have a problem. She is crying. (strong probability)

- can
- must
- will

10. She ………………………… be Jane’s sister. She looks just like her. (certainty)
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11. ‘There is the doorbell.’ ‘Who ……………………… it be?’ (conclusion)

12. ……………………………… I carry this bag? (Necessity)
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Could

Answers

1. The doctor said that I must exercise.

2. You need not work tomorrow.

3. That curtain must be washed.

4. I had to walk three miles to school when I was a child.

5. You must get a job.

6. Can I borrow your car?

7. You can but you must bring it back by evening.

8. He said he would be here at three.

9. She must have a problem. She is crying.

10. She must be Jane’s sister. She looks just like her.

11. ‘There is the doorbell.’ ‘Who can it be?’

12. Should I carry this bag?