Modals Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal auxiliary verb.

1. You have been running for a long time. You .......................... be tired.

   can

   must

2. She has got lots of clients. She .......................... be a highly successful lawyer.

   can

   must

3. I can't find my purse now. Somebody .......................... have stolen it.

   can

   must
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4. 'Who .................................. it be?'
   - can
   - must
   - Either could be used here

5. It .................................. be the postman. He has already been.
   - must not
   - cannot
   - Either could be used here

6. .................................. you lend me a few hundred
7. I haven't decided what I am going to do during the summer holidays. I ......................... go to Goa.

8. You ......................... reveal these secrets to anyone.
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9. We ............................. live without oxygen.

cannot

Either could be used here

10. Where ............................. she have gone?

must

could

will
11. You ......................... have told me before taking my car.

- can
- must
- may

12. You ......................... regret this.

- will
- can
- must

Answers
1. You have been running for a long time. You must be tired.

2. She has got lots of clients. She must be a highly successful lawyer.
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3. I can’t find my purse now. Somebody must have stolen it.

4. ‘Who can it be?’

5. It can’t be the postman. He has already been.

6. Can you lend me a few hundred dollars?

7. I haven’t decided what I am going to do during the summer holidays. I might go to Goa.

8. You must not reveal these secrets to anyone.

9. We cannot live without oxygen.

10. Where could she have gone?

11. You must have told me before taking my car.

12. You will regret this.