Table summarizing the most common modals and their primary functions:

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| **Modal** | **Primary Functions** |
| **Can** | Ability, possibility, permission |
| **Could** | Ability (past), possibility, permission (polite) |
| **May** | Possibility, permission |
| **Might** | Possibility (less certain than may) |
| **Shall** | Obligation, suggestion (formal), future tense (formal) |
| **Should** | Obligation, advice, suggestion |
| **Will** | Willingness, prediction, future tense |
| **Would** | Willingness (past), preference, polite request |
| **Must** | Obligation, necessity |
| **Have to** | Obligation (more common in spoken English) |
| **Ought to** | Obligation, moral duty |
| **Need** | Necessity (can also be used as a main verb) |

**1. Fill the blank to complete the cautionary declaration, given below.**

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| The Traffic Police \_\_\_\_\_ Penalize the Law Breakers strictly. |

Highlights the use of "will" to express certainty or a strong warning.

**2.** **Detect the error and supply the correction for the given observation by a child.**

**That needn’t be Dad’s jacket. It’s too small.**

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| **ERROR** | **CORRECTION** |
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**3. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence from a handbook for managers. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ consider the proposal before making a decision.**

**A. will**

**B. should**

**C. might**

**D. can**

**4. Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.**

**This delightful recipe must keep your hunger pangs at bay with its balanced spices and oriental flavour.**

**Use the given format for your response.**

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**5. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from a health magazine.**

**The advertisement read, ‘If you smoke, statistically your story \_\_\_\_\_ end 15% before it should’.**

**A. must**

**B. should**

**C. will**

**D. ought to**

**6. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by the Ministry for Child Welfare.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **WE AFFORD TO NEGLECT CHILDREN? THINK TWICE!!**

**A. WILL**

**B. MAY**

**C. NEED**

**D. CAN**

**7. The hospital board clearly mentioned that you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoke in the hospital as it is a health hazard for all.**

**A. cannot**

**B. must not**

**C. need not**

**D. might not**

**8. Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a passengers’ flight instruction manual:**

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| **Note- Passengers will not reach the airport late in order to avoid a fine equivalent to 5% of the basic fare.** |

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**Ans.** The traffic police will penalize the law breakers strictly.

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| **ERROR**CBSE textbooks & study guides | **CORRECTION** |
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**Ans.**

Emphasizes the importance of choosing the correct modal based on the intended meaning (possibility vs. necessity).

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**Ans.** B. should

Demonstrates the use of "should" for advice or suggestion.

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**Use the given format for your response.**

**Ans.**

Illustrates the incorrect use of "must" and the appropriate use of "will" to express future certainty.

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Ans. C. will

Shows the use of "will" for a certain prediction.

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**D. CAN**

**Ans**. D. CAN

Emphasizes the use of "can" to question ability or possibility.

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Ans. (B) must not

Highlights the strong prohibition expressed by "must not."

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**Ans.**

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