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Modals (Grammar) ✓

English – B

Lecture – 04

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Topics

to be covered



1

Warm-up Game

2

Grammar: Modals ✓

3

Exercise and Quiz



Recap *of previous Lecture*



1

Warm-up Game

2

Poetry: The Ball Poem ✓

3

NCERT Exercise and Quiz





Game time!

Given below are four jumbled sentences.

Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

1. on earth have not — ③
2. the noblest deeds — ①
3. been done for gold — ④
4. that have been done — ②

(a) 3, 1, 4, 2

(b) 4, 2, 3, 1

(c) 1, 3, 2, 4

☒ (d) 2, 4, 1, 3

Spectacles

Spot the error.

(a) She wears spectacle/ (b) so she was unable to see the
gangster/ (c) that attacked her last night. / (d) No error.

Handwritten note: "Was Wearing" with an arrow pointing to "wears" and a circle around "spectacle".

✓ (a) She wears spectacle

(b) and so she was unable to see the gangster

(c) that attacked her last night.

(d) No error



I am playing
H.V. M.V.

VERB — ① action ^{90%} play, eat, go
② State of being I know you
She is smart
③ Occurrence He developed a symptom.

Main Verb

Helping Verb

Primary Auxiliary Verbs

Be, Do, Have

Modals

Can, could
shall, should
will, would
may, might
must, ought to

have to,
dare to



Topic : What are Modals and why are they required?

↓
Modality

↓
Special situations — manner in which action happens

It is raining.

It can rain. (Possibility)

We must obey traffic rules. (Compulsion)



Topic : Modals



- Modal auxiliary verbs/ modal verbs/ modals
- They express ideas such as ability, probability or possibility, permission, command, compulsion, duty, obligation, etc.
- They are never used alone. They are always followed by the base form of the main verb.

- e.g. Soldiers must obey the orders of their officers.
→ (modal) → (main verb)

- Sentences that use modal verbs follow the structure:**

subject



modal verb



main verb



Topic : Possibility/ Probability, Certainty



- ① It is cloudy outside. It can rain today. [70-80%] - Strong possibility
- ② Although the clouds have subsided, it may rain. [40-50%] - Moderate Possibility
Could
- ③ There are no clouds in the sky. It might rain. [20-30%] - Bleak/Weak possibility

Certainty :

- ① All of us will die someday.
- ② The house will be redecorated in a month.

1. Possibility/ Probability



#Q. You better stay hydrated. Outdoor activities in the sun _____ tire you.

(strong possibility)

☒ A Can

☐ B Might

☐ C Could

☐ D Must

#Q. The sky is cloudy; it _____ rain soon.

☒ **A** Can

☐ **B** Might

☐ **C** Could

☐ **D** Must

#Q. I can't see any clouds, but it _____ rain.

- ✓ **A** Might
- B** Can ✗
- C** Must ✗
- D** Will ✗

#Q. Jaya -----surely get well soon. She is responding to the treatment well.

☒ A Will

☐ B Might

☐ C Can't



Topic : Ability, Past Ability, Inability

②
अथवा

Inability

① He is very strong. He can lift a 100 kg box. (Present Ability) → Can't

② He could lift a 100 kg box when he was 10 years old. (Past Ability) → Couldn't

✓ 1. I Can read Italian.

2. He Could read when he was four.

3. He Could swim very well when he was young.



#Q. Ravi _____ speak five languages now. It's surprising.

A Might

B Should

C Could

D Can



#Q. I _____ run five miles at a time when I was young.

A Might

☒ **B** Could

C Should

D Can

Topic : Question



#Q. I _____ read what you have written.



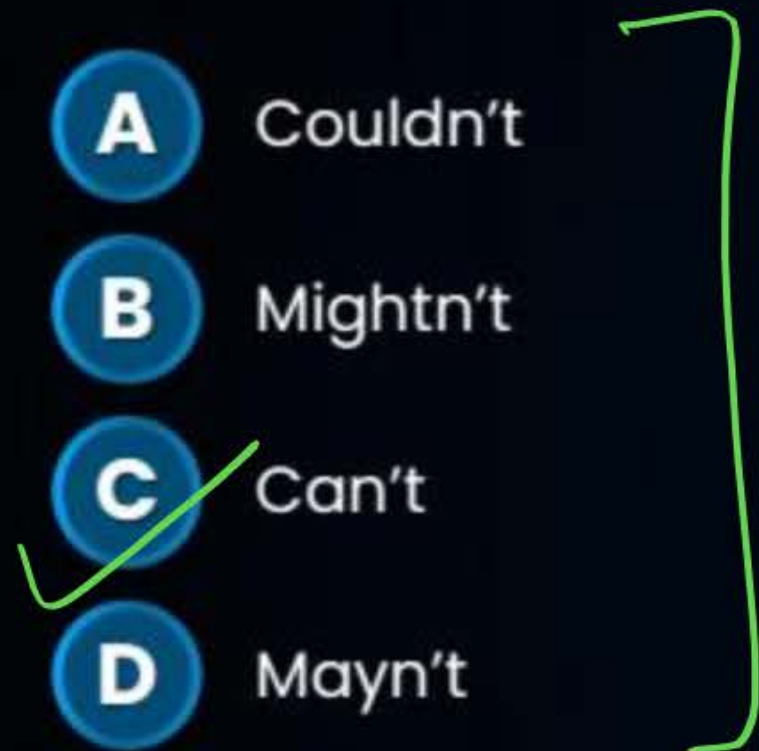
(Inability)

A Couldn't

B Mightn't

C Can't

D Mayn't



#Q. My mother _____ read without glasses even now.

☒ A Can

☐ B Could

☐ C May

☐ D Might



(3)

Topic : Asking for, Giving 'Permission', Requests



➤ Can, could, may, - asking

➤ Can, may, - giving/refusing

① Can I borrow your pen? [Informal Request] → Yes, you can.

② May I ask a doubt, Ma'am? [Formal permission] → Yes, you may.

③ Could I ask for your help, please?
[Polite Request] → Could X

1. ✓ Could you lend me your pen, please? (talking to a stranger)
2. ✓ May I go out, Sir? (talking to your teacher)
3. ✓ Can I borrow your pencil? (talking to a friend)

4. ✓ e.g. Can / May / Could I ask you something?

#Q. ----- I borrow your car tonight, bro?

A Could

B May

C Might

D Can



#Q. ----- I speak to you for a minute, please?

A Can

B Could

C Might

D May

#Q. I've finished all my work. _____ I go home now, Sir?

- A** Can
- B** Could
- C** Might
- D** May



#Q. Dad, _____ I use your debit card, please?

A Can ✓

✓ **B** Could

C Should

D Will

#Q. You _____ go in now and meet the director. (Giving Permission)

- A** Will
- B** Could
- C** Might
- D** May





Topic : Obligation, Compulsion, Moral Duty, Necessities



① Compulsion/Necessity

Must, Should, Ought to

Casual/General

Formal Contexts

② Public Display Boards

- Institution

Moral Duty

✓ ① All passengers must present valid photo identification at check-in for all flights.

✓ Seat belts must be worn even in the back of the car.

✓ We should/ought to love our neighbours.

✓ We should/ought to obey our parents.

#Q. A judge ----- be just and fair.

A Should

B Might

C Could

D Must

#Q. You _____ turn off the lights before leaving the room.

(At a Military training station)

A Should

B Might

C Could

D Must

#Q. You ----- respect your elders.

☒ A Ought to

☐ B Can

☐ C Must ✗

☐ D Can

#Q. Candidates _____ answer all the questions on the question paper itself.

- ☐ A Can
- ☐ B Might
- ☒ C Must
- ☐ D Ought to

#Q. I _____ do as father says otherwise, he will scold me very much.

- A** Can
- B** Might
- C** Must
- D** Could

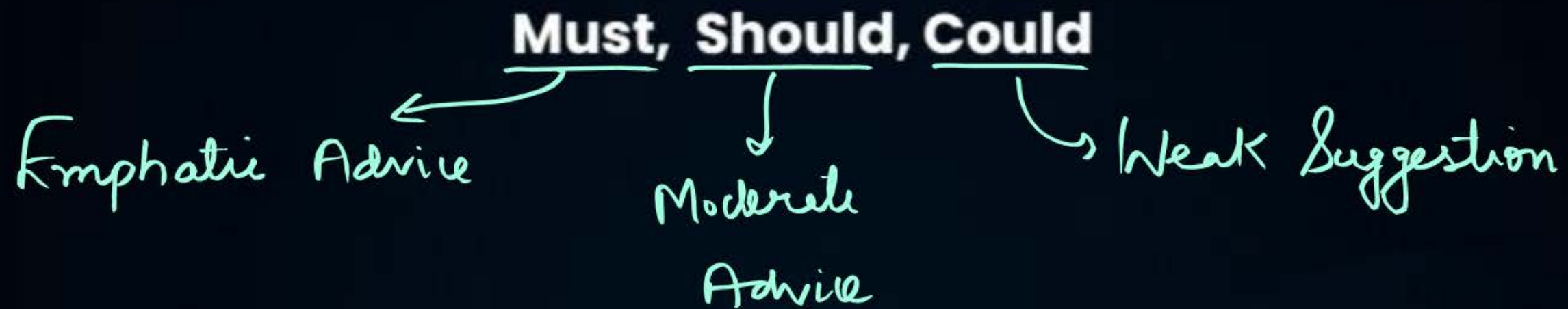
#Q. You _____ have kept me in the dark.

✖✖

- ☒ A Shouldn't
- ☐ B Can't
- ☐ C Mightn't
- ☐ D Mayn't



Topic : Advice/Suggestions



- You are not well. You must see a doctor immediately.
- We should leave it until tomorrow; it's late now.
- You could see 'Daughter of the Moon' – it's a great film.

#Q. You _____ see a doctor about that cough.

☒ **A** Must

☐ **B** Will

☐ **C** Should

☐ **D** Could

#Q. To be healthy, you _____ eat nutritious food and take regular exercise.

A Can

B Will

C Should

D May

#Q. You are getting extremely late. You _____ leave immediately.

☒ **A** Must

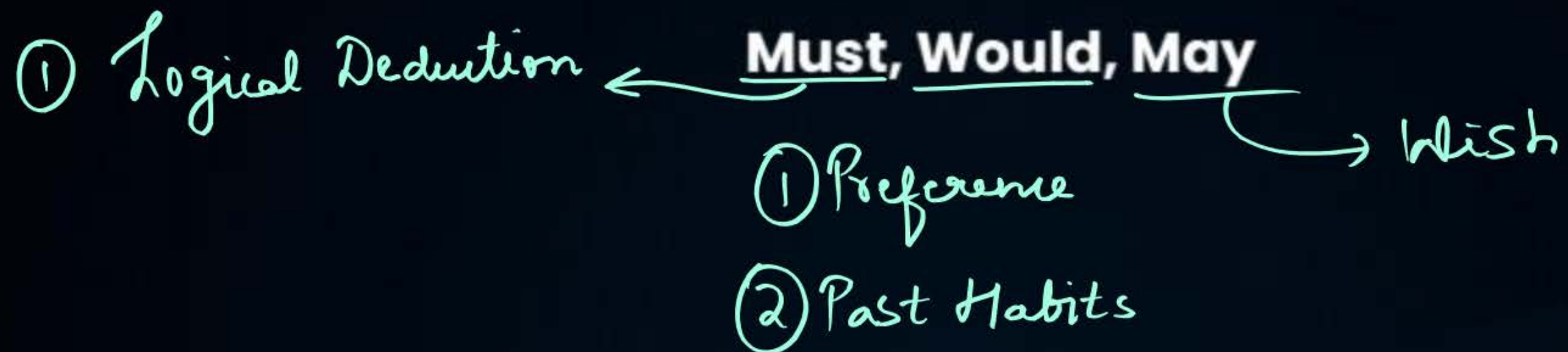
☐ **B** Ought to

☐ **C** Should

☐ **D** Could



Topic : Preference, Logical Deduction, Wish



① Would you like some coffee?

② He's so small. He must be no more than four years old.

③ He would rise early in the morning and go for a walk.

④ It has been a while since he left. He must have reached now.

✓ When I was young. I thought that in years to come I would be really tall.

#Q. "He _____ be at work; his car is in the office parking lot."

A Can

B May

C Must

D Would

#Q. ----- God protect you from every harm and danger!

A Can

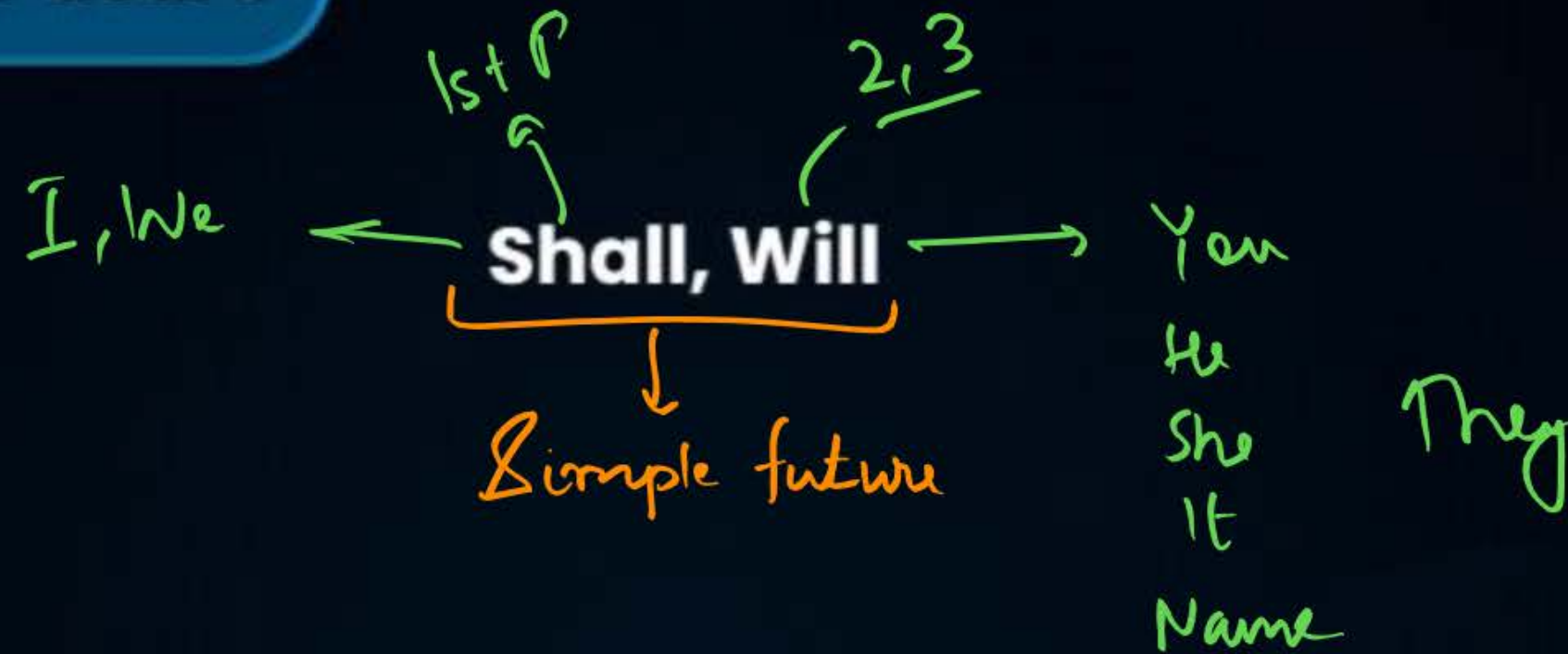
B May

C Must

D Would



Topic : Pure Future



- ✓ I shall help you.
- The PM will inaugurate the auditorium.

H.W.



#Q. _____ we go out for dinner tonight?

- A** Will
- B** Shall
- C** Might
- D** Must

#Q. _____ I get something to eat, please? I am very hungry.

- A** Can
- B** Should
- C** Could
- D** Would

#Q. _____ I use your phone, please?

A Could

B Can

C Should

D Would

#Q. I _____ love to coach this team. (Preference)

A Could

B Can

C Should

D Would

#Q. I am sure that you _____ support the right candidate. (certainty)

A Could

B Will

C Can

D Would

#Q. Malti is seriously ill. We _____ call a doctor.

- A** Could
- B** Can
- C** Must
- D** Will

#Q. Gandhiji _____ have his evening meal soon after his evening prayer.

A Could

B Would

C Can

D Should

#Q. The King _____ always have his way.

- A** Will
- B** Could
- C** Ought to
- D** Should

#Q. I _____ swim across the river in 10 minutes.

- A** Will
- B** Could
- C** Might
- D** Can

#Q. Hana is very talented. She _____ play the piano very well.

A Could

B Must

C Should

D Can

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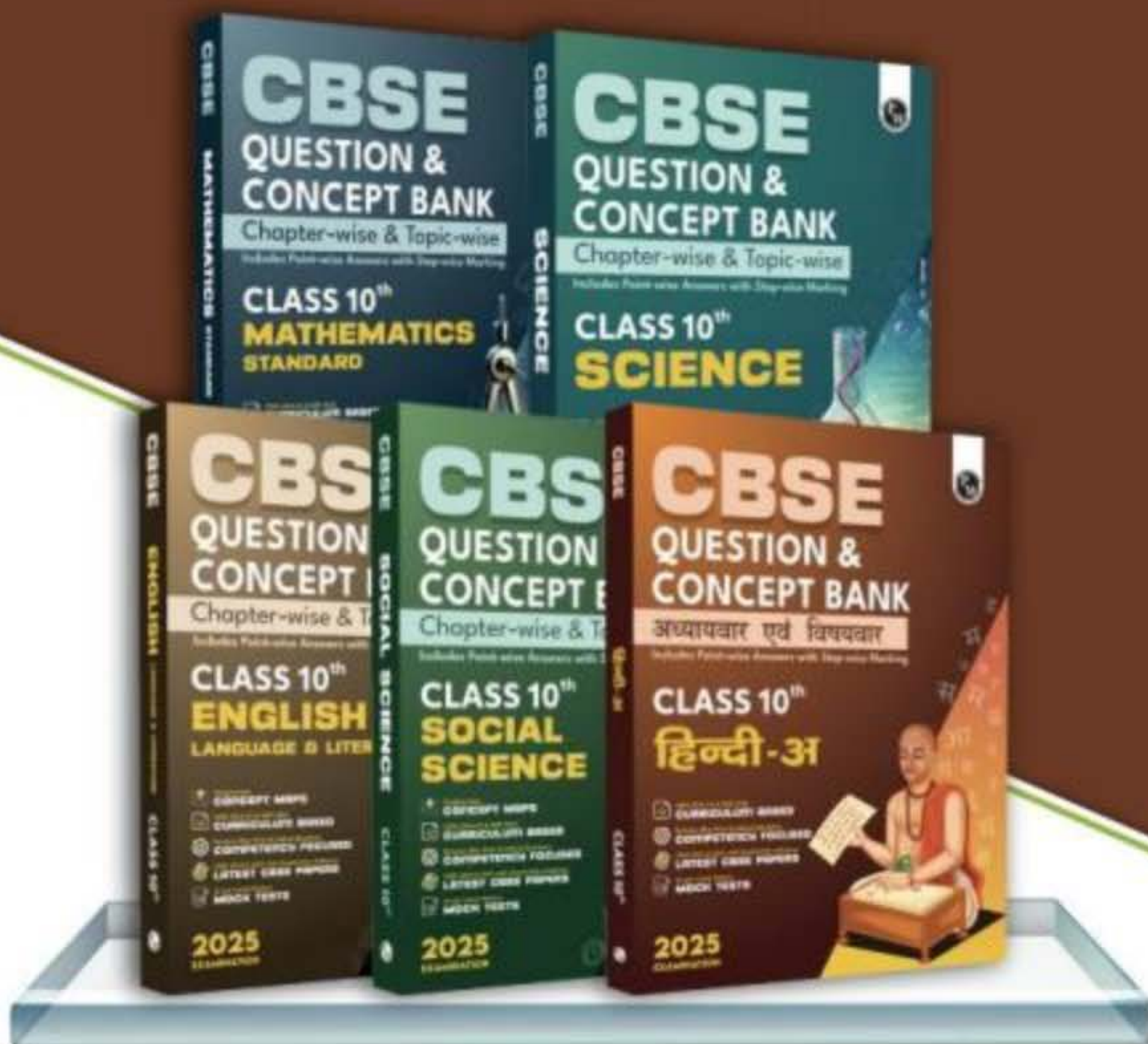
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