Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Grammar Worksheet (Modal Auxiliary)**

**Identify the modal auxiliaries and state their function:**

1. Can you lift this box?

Ans. can - ability

1. It may be a holiday tomorrow.

Ans. may - possiblility

1. Would you help me with this?

Ans. would – polite request

1. You mustn’t light a match, the room is full of gas.

Ans. mustn’t – compulsion

1. I used to drive earlier but now I have forgotten

Ans. used to – past habitual action

1. I was afraid that if I asked him again, he might refuse.

Ans. might – remote possibility

1. He would play cricket during his college years.

Ans. would – past habitual action

**Fill in the blanks with suitable modal auxiliaries:**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be punctual. ( Compulsion )

Ans. must

1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_love our neighbours. ( Obligation )

Ans. ought to/ should

1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be at home. ( Possibility )

Ans. may

1. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_be punctual .( Suggestion )

Ans. should

1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be Sunil’s sister.( Remote possibility )

Ans. might

1. Ruhi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sing well. ( Past Ability )

Ans. could

**Identify the modal auxiliaries and state their function:**

1. Every citizen must realize his duty.

Ans. must - obligation

1. He should cooperate with his fellow citizens if he has to become successful.

Ans. should – suggestion

1. One must work hard to become successful.

Ans. must – compulsion

1. My grandfather couldn’t swim.

Ans. couldn’t - inability

1. Sue might not be able to meet us this evening.

Ans. might – remote possibility

1. Could I use your phone?

Ans. could - permission

**Identify the modal auxiliaries and state their function:**

1. You should study for at least 4 hours daily when you are in secondary classes.

Ans. should – suggestion

1. My grandfather was a very clever man and he could speak five languages.

Ans. could - ability

1. My grandmother would play the piano every evening.

Ans. would – past habitual action

1. Ann might not come to the party.

Ans. might – remote possibility

1. I may go out in the evening.

Ans. may- possibility

1. May I leave the bag here?

Ans. may – permission

**Rewrite the following sentences using suitable Modal Auxiliaries:**

1. Possibly he isn’t a graduate.

Ans. He may not be a graduate.

1. My mother was able to drive a car when she was in college.

Ans. My mother could drive a car when she was in college.

1. Do you allow me to use your phone?

Ans. Can/ May I use your phone?

1. I was in the habit of going to the church every Sunday.

Ans. I used to / would go to the church every Sunday.

1. He will probably pass his driving test easily.

Ans. He ought to /should pass his driving test easily.

1. Perhaps he forgot about the meeting..

Ans. He may have forgotten about the meeting.

1. The teacher was not able to conduct the test.

Ans. The teacher could not conduct the test.

1. She will probably reach home early.

Ans. She should /ought to reach home early.

1. It is compulsory that you finish your homework.

Ans: You must finish your homework.

**Identify the Modal Auxiliary and state the function:**

1. May I leave early tonight?

Ans. may – Permission

1. You must have a driver’s license in order to drive.

Ans. must - compulsion

1. You need not call the doctor now as I am feeling better.

Ans. need not – absence of necessity

1. But you must think about the offer.

Ans. must- compulsion

1. You should do exercises regularly.

Ans. should – suggestion

1. He couldn’t find his shoes

Ans. couldn’t – inability

1. You should care for the poor.

Ans. should – obligation

1. They would never miss the opportunity to take a vacation.

Ans. would – past habitual action

1. There used to be a school here.

Ans. used to – existence in the past

1. Now I can buy that nice little piece of land for a very small sum.

Ans. can – ability