

GRAMMAR – MODALS (max. 30 points)

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A. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the suitable prepositions or adverbials, if necessary: (1 pt per item; total: 6 pts)

1. The report shows an unexpected drop _____ revenues.
2. They are confident of profit in 2011 despite _____ last year's loss.
3. We expect GDP growth _____ 3 per cent this year.
4. Sales in the UK slipped _____ 2.8% _____ £3.18m.
5. There is no dedicated parking lot for customers or city employees, apart _____ police vehicles.

B. Put the **VERBS** and any other words in brackets into the correct form. You may need to add the necessary auxiliary verbs, prepositions and particles. Use the **VERBS** in the brackets in the given order and do not change them into another part of speech: (total: 10 pts)

1. Marketing _____ (SHOULD, LET, we, SEE) the promotional material before releasing it – it's terrible!
2. They _____ (OUGHT TO, WARN, we) the strike. There's nothing we can do now.
3. Companies that are successful today, like Honda, _____ (MIGHT, CONSIDER) upstarts at their inception.

C. Choose suitable word or phrases to complete each sentence. The number of correct answers is 1 – 3. (2pts each; total: 6 pts)

1. You _____ smoke here.
A: may not
B: can't
C: are not allowed to
D: don't have to
2. You _____ interrupt her while she's on the phone.
A: shouldn't
B: 'd better not
C: 'd rather not
D: ought not
3. The negotiation in Helsinki went very well, so we _____ the whole week there and we came back a day early.
A: needn't have spent
B: didn't need to spend
C: didn't have to spend
D: mustn't have spent

D. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed above it: (2 pts per item; total: 8 pts)

1. I can't get through to our office in Stockholm. Perhaps they're having problems. (use a modal verb)
I can't get through to our office in Stockholm. They _____ problems.
2. I'm sure Tom left the office early. I can't find him anywhere. (use a modal verb)
Tom _____. I can't find him anywhere. (use a modal verb)
3. He seemed surprised to see them, so I'm sure he wasn't expecting them.
He seemed surprised to see them. He _____.
4. Perhaps they will promote me at the end of the year. (use a modal verb)
I _____ at the end of the year.