

IBPS Clerk Prelims 2026

Modals - Practice Set 1 of 5

FREE PRACTICE SET

Focus: Can, Could, Should, Must

Time: 20 Minutes

Total: 25 Questions

Section A: Fill in the Blanks - 10 Qs

Section B: Error Detection - 8 Qs

Section C: Sentence Improvement - 7 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This is SET 1 of 5 practice sets for Modals (Topic: Can, Could, Should, Must)
- ✓ Common Modals covered: **Can, Could, Should, Must**
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 20 minutes (exam-like conditions)
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy
- ✓ **This is a FREE practice set. Complete all 5 sets to master Modals for IBPS Clerk!**

SECTION A: Fill in the Blanks

10 Questions

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct modal (can/could/should/must).

Question 1

Easy

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She _____ speak three languages fluently.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 2

Easy

You look tired. You _____ take some rest.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 3

Easy

When I was young, I _____ run very fast.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 4

Easy

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You _____ stop at the red light. It's the law.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 5

Easy

_____ I use your phone, please?

- ☐ A. Can
- ☐ B. Could
- ☐ C. Should
- ☐ D. Must

Question 6

Medium

The lights are on. He _____ be at home.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 7**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

You _____ exercise daily for good health.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 8**Medium**

I _____ finish this project by tomorrow. It's urgent.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 9**Medium**

She _____ play the piano when she was five years old.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

Question 10**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

You _____ respect your elders. It's a good habit.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. could
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. must

SECTION B: Error Detection**8 Questions**

Directions: Each sentence contains an error related to Modals. Identify the error and select the correct option (A, B, C, or D).

Question 11**Easy**

He can swims very fast.

- ☐ A. He
- ☐ B. can
- ☐ C. swims
- ☐ D. No error

Question 12**Easy**

You should to exercise daily.

- ☐ A. You
- ☐ B. should to
- ☐ C. exercise daily
- ☐ D. No error

Question 13

Easy

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She can spoke English very well.

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. can
- ☐ C. spoke
- ☐ D. No error

Question 14

Medium

When I was young, I can run very fast.

- ☐ A. When I was young
- ☐ B. can
- ☐ C. run very fast
- ☐ D. No error

Question 15

Medium

You must to finish this work by evening.

- ☐ A. You
- ☐ B. must to
- ☐ C. finish this work
- ☐ D. No error

Question 16**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

She should studies harder for the exam.

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. should
- ☐ C. studies
- ☐ D. No error

Question 17**Medium**

He can to play the guitar very well.

- ☐ A. He
- ☐ B. can to
- ☐ C. play the guitar
- ☐ D. No error

Question 18**Easy**

You must not to smoke here.

- ☐ A. You
- ☐ B. must not to
- ☐ C. smoke here
- ☐ D. No error

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement**7 Questions**

Directions: Improve the underlined part of the sentence.

Question 19

Easy

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He can swims very fast.

- ☐ A. can swims
- ☐ B. can swim
- ☐ C. could swims
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 20

Easy

You must to finish this work.

- ☐ A. must to finish
- ☐ B. must finish
- ☐ C. should to finish
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 21

Medium

When I was young, I can run very fast.

- ☐ A. can run
- ☐ B. could run
- ☐ C. should run
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 22**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

You should to respect your parents.

- ☐ A. should to respect
- ☐ B. should respect
- ☐ C. must to respect
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 23**Medium**

She can plays the piano very well.

- ☐ A. can plays
- ☐ B. could plays
- ☐ C. can play
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 24**Medium**

He can to speak French.

- ☐ A. can to speak
- ☐ B. can speak
- ☐ C. could to speak
- ☐ D. No improvement

You must not to worry about the result.

- ☐ A. must not to worry
- ☐ B. must not worry
- ☐ C. must to worry
- ☐ D. No improvement

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Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Fill in the Blanks

Q1. Answer: A. can

✓ A

Present ability (तीन भाषाएँ बोल पाना) → "can" सही है।

📌 Can = Present ability (कर सकता हूँ)

Q2. Answer: C. should

✓ C

Advice/सुझाव (तुम थके हुए लगते हो) → "should" सही है।

📌 Should = Advice (करना चाहिए)

Q3. Answer: B. could

✓ B

Past ability (जब मैं छोटा था) → "could" सही है।

📌 Could = Past ability (कर सकता था)

Q4. Answer: D. must

✓ D

Law/rule → strong obligation → "must" सही है।

📌 Must = Strong obligation (करना ही होगा)

Q5. Answer: A/B (Can/Could)

✓ A or B

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Permission लेने के लिए "can" (informal) या "could" (polite) दोनों सही हैं।

📌 Can/Could = Permission

Q6. Answer: D. must

✓ D

Lights on → strong evidence → logical conclusion → "must" सही है।

📌 Must = Certainty (पक्का)

Q7. Answer: C. should

✓ C

Health advice → "should" सही है।

📌 Should = Recommendation

Q8. Answer: D. must

✓ D

Urgent work → strong necessity → "must" सही है।

📌 Must = Strong necessity

Q9. Answer: B. could

✓ B

Past ability (five years old) → "could" सही है।

📌 Could = Past ability

Q10. Answer: C. should

✓ C

Moral advice → "should" सही है।

📌 Should = Moral advice

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SECTION B: Error Detection

Q11. Answer: C. swims

✅ C

Modal "can" के बाद V1 → "swim" होना चाहिए, "swims" गलत है।

📌 Modal + V1 (always)

Q12. Answer: B. should to

✅ B

Modal "should" के बाद 'to' नहीं आता। Correct: "should exercise".

📌 No 'to' after modal

Q13. Answer: C. spoke

✅ C

Modal "can" के बाद V1 → "speak" होना चाहिए, "spoke" गलत है।

📌 Modal + V1 (base form)

Q14. Answer: B. can

✅ B

Past ability के लिए "could" चाहिए, "can" गलत है।

📌 Could = Past ability

Q15. Answer: B. must to

✅ B

Modal "must" के बाद 'to' नहीं आता। Correct: "must finish".

 No 'to' after modal

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Q16. Answer: C. studies

 C

Modal "should" के बाद V1 → "study" होना चाहिए, "studies" गलत है।

 Modal + V1 (no s/es)

Q17. Answer: B. can to

 B

Modal "can" के बाद 'to' नहीं आता। Correct: "can play".

 No 'to' after modal

Q18. Answer: B. must not to

 B

"Must not" के बाद 'to' नहीं आता। Correct: "must not smoke".

 Must not + V1 (no to)

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

Q19. Answer: B. can swim

 B

Modal "can" के बाद V1 → "swim" सही है।

 Modal + V1

Q20. Answer: B. must finish

 B

Modal "must" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "must finish" सही है।

📌 No 'to' after modal

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Q21. Answer: B. could run

✅ B

Past ability के लिए "could run" सही है।

📌 Could = Past ability

Q22. Answer: B. should respect

✅ B

Modal "should" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "should respect" सही है।

📌 No 'to' after should

Q23. Answer: C. can play

✅ C

Modal "can" के बाद V1 → "play" सही है, "plays" गलत।

📌 Modal + V1 (base form)

Q24. Answer: B. can speak

✅ B

Modal "can" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "can speak" सही है।

📌 No 'to' after can

Q25. Answer: B. must not worry

✅ B

"Must not" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "must not worry" सही है।

📊 Performance Tracker

Section	Total	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Fill in the Blanks)	10	___	___	___%
Section B (Error Detection)	8	___	___	___%
Section C (Sentence Improvement)	7	___	___	___%
TOTAL	25	___	___	___%

📈 Score Interpretation:

- **22-25 correct:** Excellent! You've mastered Can, Could, Should, Must.
- **18-21 correct:** Good - review the rules for the ones you got wrong.
- **14-17 correct:** Average - need more practice on modals.
- **Below 14:** Need significant improvement - review modal + V1 rule again.

🎯 Complete IBPS Clerk Modals Series (5 Sets)

- ✅ **Set 1 (Free):** Can, Could, Should, Must - 25 questions ← YOU ARE HERE
- ✅ **Set 2 (Free):** May, Might, Will, Would, Shall - 25 questions
- ✅ **Set 3 (Free):** Mixed Modals & Special Modals - 25 questions
- ✅ **Set 4 (Paid):** Advanced Level Mixed Questions - 30 questions
- ✅ **Set 5 (Paid):** High-Level Error Detection & Sentence Improvement - 30 questions

★ **Total: 135 practice questions to master Modals for IBPS Clerk!**



Next Steps: Complete Set 1, review your mistakes, then move to Set 2 (May, Might, Will, Would, Shall).



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