

IBPS Clerk Prelims 2026

Modals - Practice Set 3 of 5

FREE PRACTICE SET

 **Focus: Mixed Modals & Special Modals (Used to, Need, Dare)**

 **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 3 of 5 practice sets for Modals (Topic: Mixed Modals & Special Modals)
- ✓ Special Modals covered: **Used to, Need, Dare** + Mixed questions from all modals
- ✓ 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!**

Special Modals Quick Reference

- ✓ **Used to** = Past habit/state (अब नहीं) — "I used to smoke" | Negative: "didn't use to"
- ✓ **Need (Modal)** = No necessity — Only in negatives/questions — "Need not worry" (no 'to')

✓ **Dare (Modal)** = Courage — Only in negatives/questions — "How dare you speak" (no 'to')

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✓ **Ought to** = Moral obligation — "Ought to respect"

SECTION A: Fill in the Blanks

10 Questions

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct modal (used to/need/dare/ought to/can/could/should/must/may/might/will/would/shall).

Question 1

Easy

I _____ smoke, but now I have quit.

- ☐ A. used to
- ☐ B. would to
- ☐ C. need to
- ☐ D. dare to

Question 2

Easy

You _____ worry. Everything will be fine.

- ☐ A. need not
- ☐ B. need not to
- ☐ C. dare not
- ☐ D. used to

Question 3

Easy

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How _____ you speak to me like that?

- ☐ A. need
- ☐ B. used to
- ☐ C. dare
- ☐ D. ought

Question 4

Easy

We _____ to respect our national flag.

- ☐ A. should
- ☐ B. ought
- ☐ C. must
- ☐ D. need

Question 5

Easy

There _____ be a park here, but now it's a mall.

- ☐ A. used to
- ☐ B. would to
- ☐ C. need to
- ☐ D. dare to

Question 6**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

He _____ not come to the party if he is busy.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. may
- ☐ C. must
- ☐ D. need

Question 7**Medium**

You _____ not tell lies. It's a bad habit.

- ☐ A. can
- ☐ B. may
- ☐ C. should
- ☐ D. would

Question 8**Medium**

_____ I remind you again? You have already submitted the form.

- ☐ A. Need
- ☐ B. Dare
- ☐ C. Used to
- ☐ D. Ought

Question 9**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

When we were kids, we _____ play in this garden every evening.

- ☐ A. used to
- ☐ B. would
- ☐ C. could
- ☐ D. All of the above

Question 10**Hard**

She _____ have reached home by now. She left an hour ago.

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

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**Medium**

I used to played cricket when I was young.

- ☐ A. I
- ☐ B. used to
- ☐ C. played
- ☐ D. No error

Question 12**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

You need not to worry about the result.

- ☐ A. You
- ☐ B. need not to
- ☐ C. worry about
- ☐ D. No error

Question 13**Medium**

How dare he to speak to me like that?

- ☐ A. How
- ☐ B. dare he to
- ☐ C. speak to me
- ☐ D. No error

Question 14**Medium**

She ought respect her parents.

- ☐ A. She
- ☐ B. ought
- ☐ C. respect her parents
- ☐ D. No error

Question 15

Easy

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He didn't used to exercise regularly.

- ☐ A. He
- ☐ B. didn't used to
- ☐ C. exercise regularly
- ☐ D. No error

Question 16

Medium

Need I to remind you about the meeting?

- ☐ A. Need
- ☐ B. I
- ☐ C. to remind
- ☐ D. No error

Question 17

Medium

You must to finish this work by tomorrow.

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

Question 18**Hard**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

If I would have known about the party, I would have attended.

- ☐ A. If I
- ☐ B. would have known
- ☐ C. would have attended
- ☐ D. No error

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement**7 Questions**

Directions: Improve the underlined part of the sentence.

Question 19**Medium**

I used to played football in my childhood.

- ☐ A. used to played
- ☐ B. used to play
- ☐ C. use to play
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 20**Medium**

You need not to bring any gifts.

- ☐ A. need not to bring
- ☐ B. need not bring
- ☐ C. need to not bring
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 21**Medium**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

How dare he to question my authority?

- ☐ A. dare he to question
- ☐ B. dare he question
- ☐ C. dares he to question
- ☐ D. No improvement

Question 22**Easy**

She ought respect her teachers.

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

Question 23**Medium**

He didn't used to like spicy food.

- ☐ A. didn't used to like
- ☐ B. didn't use to like
- ☐ C. used not to like
- ☐ D. Both B and C

Question 24**Hard**  **FREE PRACTICE SET**

The ground is wet. It may have rained last night.

- ☐ A. may have rained
- ☐ B. might have rained
- ☐ C. must have rained
- ☐ D. could have rained

Question 25**Hard**

If you had started early, you could catch the train.

- ☐ A. could catch
- ☐ B. could have caught
- ☐ C. can catch
- ☐ D. No improvement



Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Fill in the Blanks

Q1. Answer: A. used to

✓ A

Past habit (अब नहीं) → "used to smoke" सही है।

📌 Used to = Past habit/state

Q2. Answer: A. need not

✓ A

No necessity → "need not worry" (no 'to') सही है।

📌 Need not + V1 (no 'to')

Q3. Answer: C. dare

✓ C

"How dare you" सही phrase है।

📌 How dare + subject + V1

Q4. Answer: B. ought

✓ B

"Ought to" का सही form — यहाँ 'to' already है, तो "ought" सही है।

📌 Ought to = Moral obligation

Q5. Answer: A. used to

✓ A

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Past state (अब नहीं है) → "used to be" सही है।

📌 Used to = Past state

Q6. Answer: B. may

✓ B

Possibility (if he is busy) → "may not" सही है।

📌 May = Possibility

Q7. Answer: C. should

✓ C

Moral advice → "should not tell lies" सही है।

📌 Should not = Advice negative

Q8. Answer: A. Need

✓ A

Question form of modal 'need' → "Need I remind" सही है।

📌 Need I + V1?

Q9. Answer: D. All of the above

✓ D

Past habit के लिए used to/would/could तीनों सही हैं।

📌 Used to/Would/Could for past habit

Q10. Answer: A. must

✓ A

Strong evidence (left an hour ago) → high certainty → "must have reached" सही है।

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 Must have = past certainty

SECTION B: Error Detection

Q11. Answer: C. played

 C

"Used to" के बाद V1 → "play" होना चाहिए, "played" गलत।

 Used to + V1

Q12. Answer: B. need not to

 B

Modal "need" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "need not worry" सही है।

 Need not + V1 (no 'to')

Q13. Answer: B. dare he to

 B

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

 How dare + subject + V1

Q14. Answer: B. ought

 B

"Ought" के साथ 'to' चाहिए → "ought to respect" सही है।

 Ought to + V1

Q15. Answer: B. didn't used to

✓ B

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Negative of "used to" = "didn't use to" (not "didn't used to")

✚ Didn't use to (no 'd' on use)

Q16. Answer: C. to remind

✓ C

Modal "Need" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "Need I remind" सही है।

✚ Need I + V1? (no 'to')

Q17. Answer: B. must to

✓ B

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

✚ Must + V1 (no 'to')

Q18. Answer: B. would have known

✓ B

Third conditional: if clause में "had known" चाहिए, "would have known" गलत।

✚ If + had + V3, would have + V3

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

Q19. Answer: B. used to play

✓ B

"Used to" के बाद V1 → "play" सही है, "played" गलत।

✚ Used to + V1

Q20. Answer: B. need not bring

✓ B

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Modal "need" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "need not bring" सही है।

📌 Need not + V1

Q21. Answer: B. dare he question

✓ B

Modal "dare" के बाद 'to' नहीं → "dare he question" सही है।

📌 How dare + subject + V1

Q22. Answer: B. ought to respect

✓ B

"Ought" के साथ 'to' चाहिए → "ought to respect" सही है।

📌 Ought to + V1

Q23. Answer: D. Both B and C

✓ D

"Didn't use to like" और "used not to like" दोनों सही negative forms हैं।

📌 Two correct negatives of used to

Q24. Answer: C. must have rained

✓ C

Ground is wet → strong evidence → past certainty → "must have rained" सही है।

📌 Must have = past certainty

Q25. Answer: B. could have caught

✓ B

Past unreal conditional → "had started" के बाद "could have caught" सही है।

📌 If + had + V3, could have + V3

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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 all Modals including Special Modals.
- **18-21 correct:** Good - review the rules for Used to, Need, and Dare.
- **14-17 correct:** Average - need more practice on Special Modals.
- **Below 14:** Need significant improvement - review Used to, Need, Dare rules again.

Complete IBPS Clerk Modals Series (5 Sets)

- ✓ **Set 1 (Free):** Can, Could, Should, Must - 25 questions ✓
- ✓ **Set 2 (Free):** May, Might, Will, Would, Shall - 25 questions ✓
- ✓ **Set 3 (Free):** Mixed Modals & Special Modals - 25 questions ← YOU ARE HERE
- ✓ **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 3, review your mistakes, then move to Set 4 (Paid - Advanced Level).



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Special Modals Summary for Revision:

- Used to + V1 = Past habit (I used to smoke)
- Need not + V1 = No necessity (You need not worry)
- How dare + subject + V1 = Anger/surprise (How dare you speak!)
- Ought to + V1 = Moral duty (We ought to help)

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