Modal Exercise

Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with appropriate modals. Sometimes more than one alternative is suitable.

1. **John**    : I am not feeling well at all. I think I (a) ….. see a doctor.
**Marry**  : Yes, you (b) ….. ! (c) ….. I fix an appointment for you?
**John**    : I think I (d) ….. to see him at the earliest. You (e) ….. fix the appointment  for today itself. I have a very important interview to face tomorrow.
**Marry**  : I have already done so. You (f) ….. be there at 8 o’clock.
**John**    : Oh, O yes I (g) ….. have to.
2. If you have a lump anywhere, or any sore throat that does not heal, you (a) ….. see a doctor at once! It (b) ….. be cancer. You (c) ….. have it examined. Cancer (d) ….. be treated, if detected early.
3. Dear Sir

I sent my application a fortnight ago, but I have not received any communication so far. (a) ….. you please check if you have received it? If you have received my application and have not yet decided about my selection, I (b) ….. be very grateful if you (c) ….. tell me when I (d) ….. expect to hear your decision. If my application has already been refused, I (e) ….. appreciate if I am informed as soon as possible.

Your faithfully
N. Verma
4. We call ours a blue planet as nearly 71 % of the earth’s surface is covered with water. Plenty of water there (a) ….. be, but the quantity of water that is fit for human consumption is very, very limited. Visualize this ….. if all the earth’s water fits in gallon jug, available fresh water (b) ….. be equal to just over a tablespoon. And it is this spoonful of water that (c) ….. easily spill in to that jug of non-usable water and leave us with precious little to quench our thirst. The idea of thirsty, drought-stricken mankind (d) ….. shake us out of our complacency. If the present trend persists, the water in all river basins on every continent (e) ..... steadily get depleted.
5. There (a) ….. be people to discourage you when you are on your way to progress. But you (b) ….. continue to work hard for your career. You (c) ….. definitely achieve your aim. Once you achieve it, you (d) ….. plan to go forward and never look behind.
6. **Neha**   : Papa, we have a long winter break. We (a) ….. visit our grandmother who has called us  many times.
**Papa**   : I am not sure. It (b) ….. be clear by the weekend. We (c) ….. leave the station after that only. You (d) ….. complete your homework before that.
7. Computers (a) ….. provide information on any topic with the click of a mouse. Some people think that sometimes they (b) ….. replace the teacher, but that is wrong idea. The computers (c) ….. never be the substitute for the teachers. The teachers (d) ….. profitably use computers as teaching aids.

Fill in the blanks with the right word out of ‘must, ought, used to, need, needn’t, dare’ :

1. How ….. you come into my room?
2. Who rings the bell? He ….. be the postman.
3. You ….. not feel the sorry for this petty mistake.
4. How ….. you tell a lie?
5. There ….. be a well in front of my house.
6. He does not ….. to go against my wishes.
7. She ….. have been ill.
8. At Lahore I ….. walk by the Ravi.
9. You ….. to have obeyed your teacher.
10. How ….. you go against me?
11. You ….. needs lie down to take rest.
12. He ….. not eat so much; he will fall ill.
13. How ….. you say so?
14. I ….. to have been there at this time.
15. You ….. engage to tutor for your son.
16. We ….. borrow my money. We have enough for our needs.