Modals Worksheet

Modal verbs have various functions, some essential ones of which are listed below. Reading the sample sentences, classify the underlined modals according to their functions:

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1. You **should** bring some warm clothing. It **may** snow while we’re up there.
2. You **had better not** turn down his proposal.
3. Harry **would** do a thing like that! I’ve known him for years.
4. He **would** sometimes get out of control, don’t you remember?
5. Ben has studied enough, so he **should** pass the advanced driving test tomorrow.
6. **Could** you tell me the time?
7. I **would** rather lick an ashtray than kiss a smoker.
8. You **mustn’t** forget to post the letters or the boss will **surely** go crazy.
9. I **needn’t** get the drinks ready because we **might not** have the party tomorrow.
10. No one but Tom **was able to** swim across the lake.
11. What’s that noise? **Could** it be a cat on the roof?
12. At one time people **used to** walk long distances on foot but now we **need to** take a taxi or something when we **have to** travel even the shortest distances.
13. My brother **could** play the violin with expert skill when he was a child.
14. **Will** you please try not to raise your voice? The baby is asleep.
15. She **must** be out of the town at the moment. No one has seen her nowadays.
16. **Would** you **like to** spend the night in my flat?
17. You **must** watch every step of yours while crossing a mine field.
18. We **don’t need to** be told what’s to be done.