

## HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

6<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR/B1

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION MAY 2026

SECTION A: USE OF ENGLISH

TOTAL MARKS: 30

I\_ Choose the right option to fill in the gaps.

### DORCHESTER, SEPTEMBER 13

1) \_\_\_\_\_ six o'clock yesterday evening, the River Thames burst its banks and flooded a wide area. By nine o'clock the floods had reached the town of Dorchester. The main street was soon 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 feet of water. Fire engines arrived quickly to pump away the water, but heavy rain made their job very 3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Mrs Rose Willow, a 4) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 80 years old, and living alone in her cottage, was trapped upstairs 5) \_\_\_\_\_ three hours. Finally, firemen were able to rescue her with ladders and a small 6) \_\_\_\_\_. 'My cat, Tibbles, stayed with me all the time,' said Mrs Willow. 'She 7) \_\_\_\_\_ me a lot. She sat with me, so I didn't feel afraid.'

The rain has finally stopped, the river level is falling and the weather forecast is good. 8) \_\_\_\_\_ the floods have done a great deal of damage. 'Luckily, nobody was 9) \_\_\_\_\_ or injured,' Chief Fire Office Hawkins 10) \_\_\_\_\_ reporters, 'but it will take a long time to clear up the mess.'

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| 1)  | a) In      | b) To         | c) At        | d) Until   |
| 2)  | a) over    | b) under      | c) through   | d) between |
| 3)  | a) easy    | b) difficult  | c) quick     | d) clean   |
| 4)  | a) girl    | b) man        | c) lady      | d) child   |
| 5)  | a) for     | b) during     | c) while     | d) through |
| 6)  | a) ship    | b) boat       | c) car       | d) bicycle |
| 7)  | a) worried | b) frightened | c) bored     | d) helped  |
| 8)  | a) But     | b) Also       | c) Therefore | d) So      |
| 9)  | a) burnt   | b) cut        | c) scratched | d) drowned |
| 10) | a) said    | b) asked      | c) told      | d) spoke   |

1 each  
10 marks

**II\_ Read the following joke and fill in the blanks with one word.**

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*The gorilla joke*

A gorilla went into a bar and ordered a whisky. The barman thought that it was unusual to see a gorilla in a bar drinking whisky and, thinking that gorillas must **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ stupid, he thought he would try to **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the situation and overcharge him. **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ served the gorilla the whisky and said, 'That'll be fifty dollars please'. The gorilla immediately took out his wallet and paid the barman, **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ was very happy. The gorilla drank his whisky quietly **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ then ordered another. The barman served him and charged him another fifty dollars. As the gorilla **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ drinking his whisky, the barman got curious and decided to find **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ why the gorilla was in the bar. So, to strike up a conversation, he said, 'It's funny, we don't get many gorillas in here'. 'I'm **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ surprised, with the price of your whisky,' the gorilla replied.

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1 each  
8 marks

**III\_ Transformations.**

- 1) The school has excellent teachers.  
There \_\_\_\_\_ at the school.
- 2) A mechanic is mending my motorbike.  
I'm having \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) This mobile phone is too expensive for me to buy.  
I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ to buy this mobile phone.
- 4) If you eat so many sweets, you will put on weight.  
Unless \_\_\_\_\_, you will put on weight.
- 5) "I'm staying at home tonight" Alison said.  
Alison said she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) The police caught two dangerous thieves.  
Two dangerous thieves \_\_\_\_\_ the police.

2 each  
12 marks