

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

6th JUNIOR
SECTION A:

USE OF ENGLISH

OFFICIAL EXAMINATION MARCH 2026
TOTAL MARKS: 28

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 difficult.

Mrs Rose Willow, a lady nearly 80 years old, and living alone in her cottage, was trapped upstairs

3) _____ three hours. Finally, firemen were able to rescue her with ladders and a small

4) _____. 'My cat, Tibbles, stayed with me all the time,' said Mrs Willow. 'She 5) _____ 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. 6) _____

the floods have done a great deal of damage. 'Luckily, nobody was 7) _____ or injured,' Chief

Fire Office Hawkins 8) _____ 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) for | b) during | c) while | d) through |
| 4) | a) ship | b) boat | c) car | d) bicycle |
| 5) | a) worried | b) frightened | c) bored | d) helped |
| 6) | a) But | b) Also | c) Therefore | d) So |
| 7) | a) burnt | b) cut | c) scratched | d) drowned |
| 8) | a) said | b) asked | c) told | d) spoke |

1 each
8 marks

II_ Read the following joke and fill in the blanks with one word.

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.

1 each
8 marks

III_ Transformations.

- 1) The school has excellent teachers.

There _____ **at the school.**

- 2) Studying is important if you want to pass your exams.

You _____ **if you want to pass your exams.**

- 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