

GREENLAWNS SCHOOL, WORLI  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2026  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

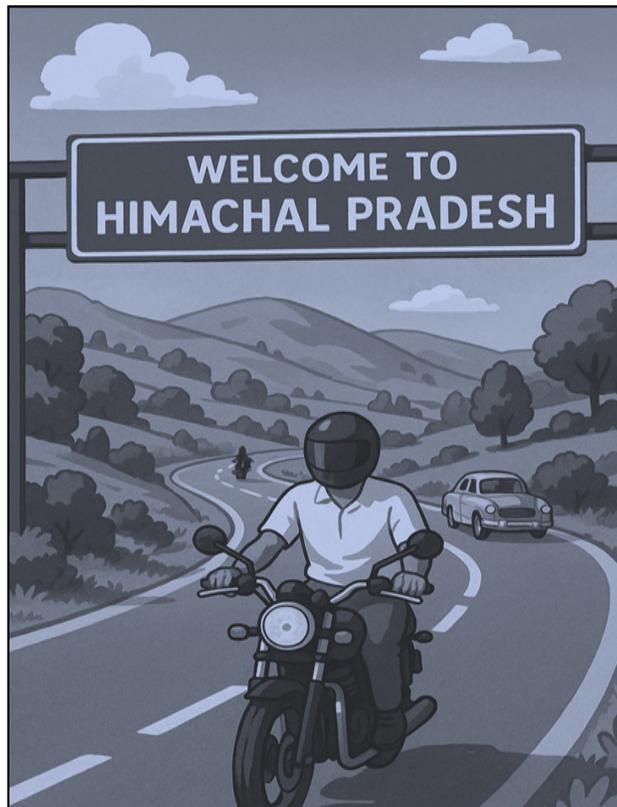
Std: VIII  
Date: 27/02/2026

Marks: 80  
Time: 2 hrs

Attempt all five questions in the same sequence as given in the question paper.  
Do not spend more than 30 minutes in answering Q.I and 20 minutes in answering Q.II

**Q I] Write a composition (350-400 words) on any ONE of the following topics: (20)**

- (a) Write a short story that begins with the following statement: 'Twelve year old Lyra watched as the butterfly fluttered over the flowers in the meadow. It was the first time she had seen such a creature...'
- (b) 'An act of kindness will never be wasted. It always bears fruit'. Write an essay, narrating an experience when an individual you disliked the most, performed an act of kindness towards you. Your essay must also reflect how this act transformed your opinion about the individual.
- (c) 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) apps ruin the thinking powers of young minds'. Express your views either FOR or AGAINST this statement.
- (d) A classroom during an examination is always transformed into commotion as soon as the examination ends. Write an essay, describing your current surroundings and the manner it will be altered once the bell rings at the end of the examination.
- (e) Study the picture given below. Write a story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or may take suggestions from it, however, there must be some clear connection between the picture and the composition.



**Q II] Select any ONE of the following:**

**(10)**

(a) One of your friends has been grief-stricken over the loss of his/her pet. Write a letter to your friend, offering comfort during this difficult time. Your letter must also mention the ways in which you can be of assistance to your friend.

OR

(b) You participated in an interschool competition that was hosted by a renowned school in Mumbai. During the competition, many participants complained that the food provided by the school was low-grade. Write a letter to the Principal of the school, complaining about the issue. Your letter must also mention the problems faced by the participants and the measures that need to be taken to prevent the recurrence of this issue.

**Q III] Notice and Email:**

(a) The Interact Club of your school is organising a 'Debate Competition' for the pupils of classes VIII-X of your school. Draft a notice, inviting the pupils to register for the event as soon as possible. (5)

(b) Write an email to the Principal of a school in your vicinity, requesting him/her to send a team of two participants from classes VIII and IX for the competition. (5)

**Q IV] Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)**

In the beautiful town of Fairview, Texas, renowned for its homely feel and kind-hearted residents, stood a bakery famous for its delicious pastries and the warm, inviting aroma that wafted from its ovens. The owner, Mr. Alcott, was a stout man with a reputation for both his scrumptious confections and his strict sense of right and wrong.

One crisp, winter morning, as the sun peaked over the horizon, a young boy named Liam found himself driven by the gnawing pangs of hunger to make a fateful decision. His family had fallen on hard times and in a moment of desperation, Liam slipped a loaf of bread under his jacket at Alcott's bakery. Unfortunately, his act did not go unnoticed and he was quickly apprehended.

Brought before the local magistrate, Judge Parker, Liam stood with his eyes cast downward, the loaf of bread lying accusingly on the evidence table. Mr. Alcott, his face red with anger, argued vehemently for justice. "Theft cannot be tolerated," he declared. "The boy must be punished to learn his lesson."

Judge Parker, a man of considerable wisdom and experience, listened intently to Mr. Alcott's grievances but also observed Liam's shabby clothes and the sincere remorse that seemed to radiate from the boy. "Tell me Liam," the judge said, "What drove you to steal from Mr. Alcott?"

With a voice barely above a whisper, Liam shared his plight, revealing the hardship his family faced, the hunger that haunted their every moment and his desire only to feed his younger sister, who had cried herself to sleep the previous night. The courtroom fell silent, the gravity of the situation weighing on every heart.

Judge Parker leaned back, his gaze shifting between the sullen boy and the furious baker. "There is a lesson here for us all," he said. "Justice is the foundation upon which our society stands, but it is mercy that makes us human. He rendered his verdict with careful consideration, "Liam, you shall repay Mr. Alcott, for the bread by working at his bakery on weekends for two months. Mr. Alcott, in turn, will provide bread for your family during this time. Let this be an opportunity for restitution and understanding."

Over the following weeks, Liam worked diligently, learning the art of baking under Mr. Alcott's watchful eye. The baker, initially skeptical, gradually

recognised the boy's earnest efforts and inherent goodness. By the end of Liam's penance, Mr. Alcott had grown fond of the boy and offered him a permanent position at the bakery.

The story of the boy who stole bread, but gained a mentor spread throughout Fairview, becoming a testament to the town's values. It was a story that echoed the sentiment that justice and mercy need not be at odds, but rather, they could work hand in hand to forge a better, more compassionate world.

- (i) For each word given below, choose the correct meaning (as used in the passage) from the options provided: (2)
- 1) apprehended (line 10) –
- a) nurtured
  - b) released
  - c) mastered
  - d) seized
- 2) consideration (line 27) –
- a) reflection
  - b) payment
  - c) belief
  - d) experimentation
- (ii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word 'cheerful'? (1)
- a) testament
  - b) sullen
  - c) grievances
  - d) reputation
- (iii) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words.
- a) What influence did Mr. Alcott and his bakery have on the residents of Fairview? (2)
- b) Highlight Mr. Alcott and Liam's demeanour as they stood before Judge Parker. (2)
- c) 'The courtroom fell silent, the gravity of the situation weighing on every heart.' In what way was Liam responsible for the above reaction in the courtroom? (3)
- d) Justify, by giving two statements, whether Mr. Alcott was mistaken for taking Liam to the local magistrate. (2)
- (iv) In not more than 50 words, comment on the verdict announced by Judge Parker and the changes it brought about in Mr. Alcott and Liam. (8)

#### Q. V]

- (i) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. (4)

#### Example:

- (0) The period between the 18th and the 19th century, characterised by new manufacturing processes in Europe and the United States \_\_\_\_\_ (be) known as the Industrial Revolution.

**Answer:** is

During this time, the process of manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_ (1) (see) a rapid change in the use of machinery. The production of iron processes, \_\_\_\_\_ (2) (grow) use of steam and water power and the development of machine tools \_\_\_\_\_ (3) (have) a direct impact on the population growth of the world. In order \_\_\_\_\_ (4) (meet) the growing demand for goods, Britain incorporated various changes in their methods of production. The Industrial Revolution \_\_\_\_\_ (5) (say) to \_\_\_\_\_ (6) (begin) in Great Britain, but slowly spread across the globe. Before the Industrial Revolution, the common method to meet economic needs \_\_\_\_\_ (7) (be) through farming and the production of handmade articles. Historians \_\_\_\_\_ (8) (say) that after the domestication of plants and animals, the beginning of the Industrial Revolution is the most important event in the history of human evolution.

**(ii) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.**

**(4)**

- 1) The train rumbled \_\_\_\_\_ the deserts of Rajasthan.
- 2) Malini stood \_\_\_\_\_ the summit, overlooking the vast valley below.
- 3) Teased and bullied, Ronak has withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ a shell.
- 4) Dave's college is affiliated \_\_\_\_\_ Oxford University.
- 5) The tourists were prohibited \_\_\_\_\_ entering the sea during the storm.
- 6) The Amazon rainforest abounds \_\_\_\_\_ a variety of flora and fauna.
- 7) Manav and his friends cycled \_\_\_\_\_ America from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.
- 8) Shane hid his house keys \_\_\_\_\_ the door mat.

**(iii) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using 'and', 'but' or 'so'. Choose the correct option.**

**(4)**

- 1) The farmers live in the village. They are honest and content.
  - a) The farmers live in the village, for they are content.
  - b) The farmers live in the village and they are honest and content.
  - c) The farmers are honest and content while they live in the village.
  - d) The farmers, who live in the village, are honest and content.
  
- 2) I wish I knew how to paint. I would have painted the front door.
  - a) If I had not known how to paint, I would have painted the front door.
  - b) If I knew how to paint, I would have painted the front door.
  - c) I wish I knew how to paint, so I would paint the front door.
  - d) If I had known how to paint, I would not have painted the front door.
  
- 3) Kavita keeps grains in the garden every day. No birds peck at them.
  - a) The birds peck at the grains when Kavita keeps grains in the garden every day.
  - b) Kavita keeps grains in the garden every day, for no birds peck at them.
  - c) Birds peck at the grains which are kept in the garden every day by Kavita.
  - d) Although Kavita keeps grains in the garden every day, no birds peck at them.
  
- 4) The cricket match was terminated. It began to rain heavily.
  - a) It began to rain heavily when the cricket match was terminated.
  - b) Unless it began to rain heavily, the cricket match was terminated.
  - c) The cricket match was terminated because it began to rain heavily.
  - d) It rained heavily and the cricket match continued.

(iv) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of the sentence. Choose the correct option.

(8)

- 1) The Etruscan shrew is the smallest mammal on the planet. (Begin: No other...)
  - a) No other mammal on the planet is as small as the Etruscan shrew.
  - b) No other mammal is small than the Etruscan shrew.
  - c) No other mammal on the planet is smaller as the Etruscan shrew.
  - d) No other mammal is smallest as the Etruscan shrew.
  
- 2) The old elephant was very weak. It could not pull the weight in the cart. (Join the sentences using the correct infinitive.)
  - a) The old elephant was weak and wanted to pull the weight in the cart.
  - b) The elephant was old to pull the weight in the cart.
  - c) The weight in the cart was used to pull the old elephant.
  - d) The old elephant was very weak to pull the weight in the cart.
  
- 3) Fred's wardrobe was too large to be loaded in the cargo. (Rewrite without using the adverb 'too')
  - a) Fred's wardrobe was large and could be loaded in the cargo.
  - b) The cargo was large enough for Fred's large wardrobe.
  - c) Fred's wardrobe was so large that it could not be loaded in the cargo.
  - d) When Fred's wardrobe was loaded into the cargo, the wardrobe was large.
  
- 4) As soon as the cold gust of wind blew, the abandoned children began to shiver. (Begin: No sooner...)
  - a) No sooner when the cold gust of wind blew, the abandoned children shivered.
  - b) No sooner did the cold gust of wind blow than the abandoned children began to shiver.
  - c) No sooner the cold gust of wind began to blow and the abandoned children began to shiver.
  - d) No sooner did the cold gust of wind blow when the abandoned children began to shiver.
  
- 5) By whom was this antique jug broken? (End:...jug?)
  - a) Did you break this antique jug?
  - b) To whom was this antique broken jug?
  - c) Why was this antique jug, a broken jug?
  - d) Who broke this antique jug?
  
- 6) Aladdin said to the magician, "What have I done to deserve such a punishment?" (Change to the reported speech.)
  - a) Aladdin asked the magician what he had done to deserve such a punishment.
  - b) Aladdin requested the magician if he had done something to deserve such a punishment.
  - c) The magician told Aladdin that he had done this to deserve such a punishment.
  - d) Aladdin asked the magician why he had deserved such a punishment.
  
- 7) Guests must lock their rooms every time they go out. (Rewrite the sentence using the adverb 'always')
  - a) Guests must not always lock their rooms every time they go out.
  - b) Guests must always lock their rooms every time they go out.
  - c) Guests must lock their rooms every time and always go out.
  - d) Guests must lock their rooms always every time they go out.

- 8) Adults must ensure that they get eight hours of sleep every night. (Add a question tag.)
- a) Adults must ensure that they get eight hours of sleep every night, won't they?
  - b) Adults must ensure that they get eight hours of sleep every night, shall they?
  - c) Adults must ensure that they get eight hours of sleep every night, mustn't they?
  - d) Adults must ensure that they get eight hours of sleep every night, can they?

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