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The Highway Man – Comprehension Questions

- 1) **Find and copy** two words in the first verse which show it was very windy:

2 marks

- 2) Find and copy **two** metaphors from the first verse:

2 marks

- 3) What time of day is it when the poem begins? How do you know?

2 marks

- 4) What does the phrase 'ribbon of moonlight' tell us about the road?

2 marks

5) Name three things which the Highwayman was wearing:

- _____
- _____
- _____

1 mark

6) Why do you think the Highwayman rode to the inn?

1 mark

7) Who is Tim?

1 mark

8) How does Tim feel about the Highwayman talking to the Inn Keeper's daughter? Find evidence from the text to support your answer.

2 marks

9) What does the Highwayman promise Bess?

1 mark

- 10) Part Two verse 1 mentions the arrival of King George's soldiers, who do you think told them the Highwayman was coming?

1 mark

- 11) Put these events in the order that they happen in the poem:

The Highwayman is shot down on the highway	
Tim, the ostler, overhears the Highwayman's promise	
The Highwayman rides to the inn	1
Tim tells the king's soldiers that the Highwayman will return	

1 mark

- 12) Why does the poet use **present tense** in the final two verses?

2 marks

- 13) Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**:

Statement	True	False
Bess was the innkeeper's daughter.		
Bess was in love with Tim.		
The Highwayman didn't care when he found out about Bess' death.		
The inn was closed when the Highwayman arrived.		

1 mark

- 14) **Find and copy** two words or phrases which tell you that this poem is set a long time ago:

1 mark

- 15) Why do you think that red is mentioned repeatedly throughout the poem?

3 marks