

INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 1 :2015-16

SET 1

Class :VII

ENGLISH

Time: 40mins.

Date:12 -05-2015

Marks : 20

SECTION A: READING**(5 Marks)****I. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow below:****JAYS**

Jays with their fascinating colours and noisy, aggressive nature are intelligent birds. The Blue Jay is especially admired for its plumage. It is bright blue on top and whitish grey on the underside. On its wings and tail, the feathers are bright blue with black and white bands. The Blue Jay has a pronounced crest on its head. The crest is raised or lowered according to its mood. The average size of a jay is 25-30 centimetre and its weight ranges from 70 to 100 grams.

Jays are notorious mimics. They copy sounds, especially the call of the red-shouldered hawk. They can also imitate a wide variety of other sounds. Jays collect acorns and store them for future use by digging holes in the ground with their sharp beaks and pushing acorns into these holes. Jays do this all day and sometimes stash upto a thousand acorns a day.

What is incredible of these birds is their memory of past experiences which was thought to be unique only to humans. Several species of the jay, like the Scrub Jay can retrieve acorns from places it had stored months earlier.

Answer the questions briefly:**(1x5=5 Marks)**

1. The following is a species of jays:
 a) Scrub Jay b) Gay Jay c) Pink Jay d) Copy Jay
2. The crest of the Blue Jay is raised or lowered according to its.....
 a) Mood b) Size c) Intelligence d) Weight
3. Give two words to describe the nature of the jays.
4. How do the jays store acorns?
5. Find out words from the extract which mean the same as the following words:
 a) Regain b) Infamous

SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR**(8 Marks)**

- II.** Write a letter to a friend describing the recently concluded 'Joy of Reading' week that was organized by your school, in about 50 words. **(4 Marks)**

III. Do as directed:

- 1. Change the following into passive voice:**

(1x2=2)

- a) Grandmother tells us an interesting story every night.
- b) Prachi is drawing a village scene.

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2. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from those given in the brackets: (1/2x2=1)
a) The crops.....because of the abundant monsoons. (floored/flourished)
b) Good.....skills are needed to succeed in any field. (commotion/communication)
3. Add appropriate suffixes to form 'workers' from the words given below: (1/2x2=1)
a) Translate b) Finance

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(7 Marks)

IV. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow:

Feel refreshed after it rains

Grow strong without notice

Be prepared for each season

Provide shelter to strangers

- a) How should we deal with the 'rains' in life? (1)
b) What should be our behavior towards strangers. (1)

V. Answer the following questions:

(1 ½ x 2=3)

- a) Mention any three uses of the Breadfruit Tree.
b) Was Sid convinced that Tom was going to die? How can you tell?

VI. Give the meaning of the following words and frame meaningful sentences of your own:

- a) Odious b) Compensations (1x2=2)
