



INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 1 : 2015-16

SET 2

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.

1. Choose the correct option:

(1x2=2)

a) The following is a species of jays:

i) Copy Jay ii) Pink Jay iii) Scrub Jay iv) Gay Jay

b) The crest of the Blue Jay is raised or lowered according to its.....

i) Weight ii) Mood iii) Size iv) Intelligence

2. Answer the following questions briefly:

(1x2=2)

a) What is the average weight and size of the jays?

b) Why are the jays called notorious mimics?

3. Find out words from the extract which mean the same as the following words: (1/2x2=1)

a) Feathers b) Attractive

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) My mother makes special Kashmiri Tea for everyone.

b) Meena beats you at badminton everytime.

- 2. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from those given in the brackets:** (1/2x2=1)
- a) The baby played in his mother's lap,..... unaware of his surroundings.(listlessly/blissfully)
 - b) The brothersto teach the mischievous neighbour a lesson.
(vowed/wowed)
- 3. Add appropriate suffixes to form 'workers' from the words given below:** (1/2x2=1)
- a) Environment b) Auction

SECTION C: LITERATURE

(7 Marks)

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

Be graceful in the wind

Stand tall after a storm

Feel refreshed after it rains

Grow strong without notice

- a) Which line tells us not to be defeated by failures. (1)
- b) Who has these qualities that we should learn? (1)

V. Answer the following questions: (1 ½ x 2=3)

- a) What compensation did the tooth extraction bring to Tom when he went to school?
- b) What was 'ulu'? What did the word stand for?

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

- a) Aggravated b) Gaped out (1x2=2)
