

**INDIAN SCHOOL SOHAR**  
**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 3: 2014-15**

**Class : VIII**  
**Date: 13-11-2014**

**ENGLISH**

**Time: 40 mins.**  
**Marks. 20.**

**SECTION A: READING**

**(5 marks)**

**I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

An owl is a bird. There are two basic types of owls: typical owls and barn owls. Owls are mostly nocturnal, meaning they are awake at night. Owls are predators- they hunt the food that they eat. The sharp hooked beaks and claws of the owl make it very easy to tear apart prey quickly, although owls also eat some prey whole. Owls eyes are unusual. Both of the owl's eyes face front and they are not movable. Owls have facial disks around their eyes, tufts of feathers in a circle around each eye . These facial disks are thought to help with the owl's hearing. Owls can turn their heads 180 degrees. This makes it look like they might be able to turn their heads all the way around. Perhaps because of the owl's mysterious appearance, especially its round eyes and flexible neck, there are a lot of myths and superstitions about owls. Many cultures believe that owls are unusually wise, some cultures associate owls with bad omens. The screech of the barn owl is considered by many to sound eerily human, like a person is screaming.

**a. Answer the following questions briefly:**

( 1x5=5)

- i. What helps owls tear apart their prey very quickly?

**b. Find a word from the passage which means the same as the following.**

- i) The belief that certain events cannot be explained by reason or science \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) Capable of bending easily without breaking \_\_\_\_\_.

**c. Complete the sentences.**

- i. Facial disks are \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. Eyes of the owls are unusual because \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**( 8 Marks)**

**II.** You are Praveen Raina, the Secretary of the Science Club of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students about the Science exhibition to be held and requesting them to participate in it. Also inform that their parents are also welcome to this exhibition. (4)

**III. Do as directed:**

**a. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.**

(1/2x2=1)

- i. open window /sit /read /favourite pastime / my / comics / and / is to / by the
- ii. to cross the road / by Koel / the old lady / was helped

**b. Fill in the blanks with the future perfect tense, use the words in the brackets. (1/2x2=1)**

- i. By next November I \_\_\_\_\_ ( receive) my promotion.
- ii. The taxi \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) by the time we go downstairs.

**c. Complete the following sentences by supplying the required preposition and the Gerund form of the verb.** (1/2x2= 1 )

- i. I am fond \_\_\_\_\_( listen) to classical music.
- ii. You seem to prefer cycling \_\_\_\_\_( walk )

**d. Punctuate the following sentence.** (1/2 )

- i. i am looking forward to our next trip i am sure it will be great fun

**e. Combine the following sentence using suitable conjunction.** ( ½)

- i. The goods were delivered last week. I could not inspect them.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE**

**(7 marks)**

**IV. Read the given extract and answer the following questions.**

In the king's bed, creep the louse  
Lived in her ancestral house.  
They had dwelt here as of right  
For three decades, and each night  
She and her enormous brood  
Drank the king's blood for their food.  
Once the signal came from creep  
That the king was fast asleep,  
Quietly, discreetly, they  
Nipped and sipped and drank away.

- a) Who lived in the king's bed and for how long ? ( 1 )
- b) The word discreetly means\_\_\_\_\_ . ( ½ )
- c) Name the poet and the poem. ( ½)

**V. Answer the following questions:**

- a) Why was the postmaster unhappy in Ulapur? Give example. ( 1 ½)
- b) What role did Ratan play when her Dada was very ill? ( 1 ½)

**VI. Give the meanings of the following words and frame sentences of your own.** (1x2=2)

- a) foiled
- b) brood

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