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SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

PSR 2015

Read the passage carefully.

BATS



There are two types of bats – megabats or fruit bats and microbats. Microbats tend to be smaller than fruit bats. They often feed on insects which are located by echo soundings. The prey is caught while flying with the bat folding its wings forward to form a cup into which the insects is trapped.

. Microbats have large ears which is located in front of the ear passage. ¹**These** probably serve to **shield** the bat from noises. The sheath-tailed bat has the base of ²**its** tail enclosed in a sheath. Sheath-tailed bats rest in groups of 10 to 40 in exposed roosting sites in the forest such as **hollow** logs, rock shelters and under-hanging earth banks in cave mouths. Hunting flights begin shortly after **dusk** and the prey is taken while flying over water where swarms of insects can be found. The head and the body of the sheath-tailed bat are about four centimeters in length.

Although bats can fly, they are not birds. ³**They** belong to the group of animals called mammals. They do not have wings that enable ⁴**them** to fly but they have skins stretched over their limbs. They are more than two thousands different kinds of bats. They are found most in the warmer regions of the world. Bats are **nocturnal** creatures. They sleep during the day and hunt at night. Most of them are insect or fruit-eaters. Unlike the vampire bat of South America which feeds on blood. It bites animals and drinks ⁵**their** blood. It **seldom** attacks human beings.

Questions 1-5

Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.

Eg : Microbats tend to be smaller than fruit bats. **They** often feed...

They - Microbats

1. ¹**These** - _____

2. ²**its** - _____

3. ³**They** - _____

4. ⁴**them** - _____

5. ⁵**their** - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

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| 6. ' shield ' | means | a. attack
b. demand
c. find
d. protect |
| 7. ' hollow ' | means | a. having a colour beside it
b. having a hole beside it
c. having a mark outside it
d. having a pattern inside it |
| 8. ' dusk ' | means | a. the time when crescent moon
b. the time when the full moon
c. the time when the sun goes down
d. the time when the sun goes up |
| 9. ' nocturnal ' | means | a. active at night
b. fly during the day
c. hunt during the day
d. sleep at night |
| 10. ' seldom ' | means | a. always
b. never
c. not often
d. unusual |

(5 marks)

Questions 11-15

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

11. Name the two types of bats?

12. What do microbats feed on?

13. How do microbats catch their prey?

14. Why are they called nocturnal creatures?

15. Where can you find bats which feed on blood?

(5 marks)

TOTAL MARKS	
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