

Second Senior

Special Subject: Science

III Term

# **BIRDS**

**1) Match the words to their definitions.**

- a) Eagle \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Canary \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Turkey \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Nightingale \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Dove \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Peacock \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Falcon \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Vulture \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Parrot \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Raven \_\_\_\_\_
- l) Ostrich \_\_\_\_\_
- m) Swan \_\_\_\_\_
- n) Hummingbird \_\_\_\_\_
- o) Goose \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) A stocky bird with a small head, short legs, and a cooing voice, feeding on seeds or fruit. Doves are generally smaller and more delicate than pigeons, but many kinds have been given both names.
- 2) A mainly African finch with a melodious song, typically having yellowish-green plumage. One kind is popular as a cage bird and has been bred in a variety of colours, especially bright yellow.
- 3) They are big, grand birds with powerful bodies and broad wings. They are birds of prey and hunt smaller animals.
- 4) A large hunting bird, or bird of prey. They are strong, with long wingspans and very sharp eyesight and very sharp beaks. They use their powerful wings and vision to spot prey while flying and swoop down on it. They can fly rapidly and change direction very quickly.

- 5) A large bird of prey with the head and neck more or less bare of feathers, feeding chiefly on carrion and reputed to gather with others in anticipation of the death of a sick or injured animal or person.
- 6) A large waterbird with a long neck, short legs, webbed feet, and a short broad bill. Generally geese are larger than ducks and have longer necks and shorter bills.
- 7) A large waterbird with a long flexible neck, short legs, webbed feet, a broad bill, and typically all-white plumage.
- 8) A small nectar-feeding tropical American bird that is able to hover and fly backwards, and typically has colourful iridescent plumage.
- 9) A flightless swift-running African bird with a long neck, long legs, and two toes on each foot. It is the largest living bird, with males reaching a height of up to 2.75 m.
- 10) A bird, often vividly coloured, with a short down curved hooked bill, grasping feet, and a raucous voice, found especially in the tropics and feeding on fruits and seeds. Many are popular as cage birds, and some are able to mimic the human voice.
- 11) A bird with a strong bill and a stiff tail, which climbs tree trunks to find insects and drums on dead wood to mark territory.
- 12) A large mainly domesticated game bird native to North America, having a bald head and (in the male) red wattles. It is a popular food on festive occasions such as Christmas and (in the US) Thanksgiving.
- 13) A large heavily built crow with mainly black plumage, feeding chiefly on carrion.
- 14) A male peafowl, which has very long tail feathers that have eye-like markings and can be erected and fanned out in display.
- 15) A small migratory thrush with drab brownish plumage, noted for its rich melodious song which can often be heard at night.

**2) Write the names of the birds under the pictures.**



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