BCM SCHOOL BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD LUDHIANA XII BIOLOGY **ASSIGNMENT ANSWER KEY** 1 Due to greater species diversity/ presence of endemic species 2 (a) – Ammensalism (b) – Predation 3 (i) A is a conformer Cannot maintain homeostasis / constancy of internal environment by physiological means / their body temperature (osmotic conc. of body fluids) changes with the ambient temperature (ii) Regulators Maintain homeostasis by physiological means / capable of thermoregulation / maintain a constant body internal environment (b) Loss of unnecessary sense organs, presence of adhesive organs / suckers to cling on to the host, loss of digestive system, high reproductive capacity 4 . (a) Post-reproductive Reproductive Pre-reproductive (b) Planning of health / education / transport / infra-structure / finance / food / employment can depend on the age-pyramid analysis of a population / any other relevant point. (Any two explanation) 5 a - unlimited food and space b - limited food and space (ii) Curve a Carrying capacity / a given habitat has enough resources to support maximum possible number - beyond which no further growth is possible 6 a) Alexander Von Humboldt. (b) Within a region species richness increases with increasing explored area but only up to a limit. i.the slopes of regression lines are similar / unaffected distribution in an area / normal range ii.the slope of regression is steeper when we analyse the species area relationship among very large areas like entire continent

(c) Z (slope of the line) regression co-efficient (d) If species richness is more / 0.62 - 1.2