Creatures of the Night

Have you ever thought about what happens outside at night while you are sleeping? Lots of other creatures are sleeping too. Maybe your dog or cat spends the night sleeping with you.

If you live where there are deer, maybe a buck or a doe tiptoes beneath your window. In the morning, look for their tracks in the snow.

The pretty little red fox may be out hunting for a meal. From the henhouse a chicken it may steal. The slow and clumsy opossum might pass by while nocturnal bats fly overhead in the sky.

The beavers are out during the night, cutting trees and branches to make their dam just right. A porcupine may come to the stream to take a drink. There are more animals out than you might think.

Morning comes and as you raise your head, the nocturnal animals are ready for bed.
Multiple Choice
Circle the correct answer.

1. A buck and doe are
   a. Foxes
   b. Deer
   c. Raccoons

2. A fox will eat
   a. Plants
   b. Grain
   c. Birds

3. An opossum moves
   a. Slowly
   b. Quickly
   c. Very fast

4. The animal that dams up streams is the
   a. Porcupine
   b. Beaver
   c. Raccoon

5. An animal that can fly is the
   a. Bat
   b. Deer
   c. Beaver
Write the name for each nocturnal animal.

Bat    Barn owl    Beaver    Deer    Horned owl    Opossum    Porcupine    Red fox

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Answer Key

Multiple Choice
1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. a

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Deer            Porcupine
Bat             Red fox
Opossum         Beaver
Horned owl      Barn owl