Question 8 Elder Futhark Runes Solution

B1

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
1	*8*	*4*	*7*	*6*	*9*	*3*	*5*	*11*

B2.   accept in either order

(a) ...*THOR*......................   (b) ...*ODIN*.....................................

B3.

(a) Tyr ..... ↑ᛊR   (b) Ran ... RFᛏ   (c) Sif ... ᛉIᛈ

Explanation

Like any chaos-and-order problem, the key is to find a unique pair, or a repeated pattern. There are plenty of ways into this8 problem, but one is to notice that 6 and 9 are very similar, as are e and f, and assume they match. You may not know (yet) which is which, but this way you've got the symbols

for F ᛈ, R R, E ᛗ, Y ᛚand perhaps A F. It's not obvious why one of them has an extra symbol, but perhaps it will emerge.
Just replacing those four symbols, we now have the following:

1	Baᛚᛗr	4	ᛗaXr	7	ᛊᛟrᚦ	10	ᛟᛗYᛏ
2	Þᛟr	5	ᛏᛟ↑↑	8	ᛗeᛚYᛞer	11	ᛉᛟᛚ
3	YÞᚢᛏᛏ	6	freyᛊa	9	freyr		

Two more obvious candidates stand out: 1=Baldur (a) and 8=Dallinger (b).

We have to tolerate some vowel changes. This gives us ᛒB ᛚL ᛗD, and

possibly YI ᛞ NG. We can now revise the table as follows:

1	baldr	4	daXr	7	ᛊᛟrᚦ	10	ᛟdiᛏ
2	Þᛟr	5	ᛏᛟ↑↑	8	delinger	11	ᛉᛟᛚ
3	iÞᚢᛏᛏ	6	freyᛊa	9	freyr		

And so on.

Average score: 53%