Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Batch: IX EURO Duration: 1 HOUR Marks: 40**

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

1. Which two kinds of people does Salerio mention about? 2
2. How does Bassanio describe Portia? 4
3. How does Nerissa react to the displeasure shown by Portia about the will? 2
4. Who does Portia call a sponge? How is he described by her? 3
5. Bring out the contrast between the reaction of the children and that of their grandfather regarding the consequences of the war in the poem ‘After Blenheim’. 4
6. Explain the term ‘forlorn group’ mentioned in the poem ‘Cold within.’ Why is it an irony? Which figure of speech is it? 3
7. In the poem ‘Television’, what has the poet seen in every house he has been? 2
8. Which tales were found in the books read by children? 3
9. Describe ‘Mr. Oliver’ from the story ‘A Face in the Dark’. 2
10. Explain the line: ‘But for Mr. Oliver it did not end here’. 3
11. Who is the narrator of the story ‘Old Man at the Bridge’? What role is he given? 3
12. Explain the symbolism of the animals in the story ‘Old man at the Bridge’. 4
13. In the story ‘Hearts and Hands’ was the young woman a regular traveller? Justify. 2
14. What was the real reason behind the glum-faced man going for a smoke? What reason did he give? 3