Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Wild little thing, Night Mail**

**Std VIII-PPS Set B**

**Marks 20 30 min**

1. Which specific border is mentioned in the poem ‘Night mail’? 2

Ans. The poet is talking about a specific border between England and Scotland.

1. What do the birds do when the night mail passes? 2

Ans. The birds turn their heads as she approaches and stare from bushes at her blank-faced coaches.

1. From which different places to letters arrive? 3

Ans. Letters from banks, letters from Scotland from the South of France, letters of condolence to Highlands and Lowlands, notes from overseas to Hebrides.

1. Mention the different relations from whom one expects letters. 3

Ans. Letters of joy from girl to boy, letters from uncles, cousins and aunts, letters that express timid lovers’ declaration, letters to visit relations are the letters from whom one expects letters.

1. In the story ‘A Wild little thing’ why is it said that it is useless to love the rabbit? 3

Ans. It is said that it is useless to love the rabbit because it seemed it did not want any love and affection. The little wild thing would become more silent when they approached it with love.

1. Mention the efforts made by the children in order to help the rabbit to start moving. 3

Ans. The children brought warm milk for the rabbit and they held it to its nose. But it sat as still as if it was far away, hidden in its hole. They wanted to wet its mouth with drops of milk, but it gave no sign, did not even shake off the wet white drops.

1. What was the last thing they did to help the rabbit? 4

Ans. The rabbit was once again wrapped in the old flannel. But it was then carried into the scullery and put under the copper fireplace, so that it could imagine itself inside a hole. About four to five saucers were placed on the floor so that if it would jump about, it could not fail to come upon some food.