Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Where the mind is without fear, The Grasshopper and the cricket, A Shot in the dark, Adventure of the Dying detective**

**Std: VIII FRIENDS Duration: 1 HOUR Marks: 40**

***QI. Answer the following Questions. 10***

1. Describe the box that Dr. Watson picks up and mention its importance. 2

2. What did Sherlock Holmes only want to meet Culverton Smith and not a doctor? 2 3. Describe the encounter between Watson and Smith at the latter’s house. 3

4. Do you agree that Holmes had deductive reasoning power? Justify with an example from the story. 3

***QII. Answer the following questions 10***

1. What creates the silence on a cold evening? Why? 2
2. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line ‘From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead’ 2 3. Explain the line ‘the poetry of the earth is never dead’ with examples in the poem. 3
3. Bring out the contest in the poem that is given through the examples of the Grasshopper and the cricket. 3

***Q III. Answer the following questions 10***

1. What information does Philip share with his club acquaintance? What was the acquaintance’s opinion of Mrs. Saltpen Jago? 2

2. What was the young man doing? 2

3. How much money did the young man ask from Philip? Why? 3

4. What moral can you learn from the chapter ‘A Shot in the Dark’? 3

***Q IV. Answer the following questions 10***

1. What kind of qualities does the poet want his countrymen to inculcate in their speech and character? 2

2. What does the poet mean by ‘knowledge is free’? 2

3. Justify the title. 3

4. How can narrow domestic walls harm the nation? 3