Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAM**

**Std VIII-JK Duration: 2 hours Marks 80**

**Attempt five questions in all. Attempt at least one question from each section.**

**Section A- Poems**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1:***

***“We should cut down the trees”***

1. Who says the above mentioned lines? Where does the person stay? Why does the person say so? 3
2. How are the spring and the trees described? Why? 3
3. What cannot be differentiated from one another? Why is it so? 3
4. Mention the birds in the poem. What happens to the garden city due to their addition? 3
5. How has the speaker been described by the poet? What is the poet trying to say? Do you think the person’s reason for saying so is relevant? Why? 4

***Question 2:***

***“Charge for the guns”, he said***

1. Who is ‘he’ mentioned here? Whom are the lines spoken to? Where are they going? 3
2. How are the soldiers described in the second stanza? What has ‘someone’ done? 3
3. Though someone has blundered, what did the soldiers not do? 3
4. Which war has been described about in the poem? Who is fighting the battle? 3
5. What is spoken about the Light Brigade’s glory in the last stanza? 4

***Question 3:***

***“I heard a thousand blended notes”***

1. Where was the poet sitting? How was he sitting there? 3
2. What ‘work’ has been done by nature? How does the poet feel about the same? 3
3. Which three figures of speech have been used in the second stanza of the poem? Explain. 3

4. What did the budding twigs do? Why? What does the poet say about them? 3

5. Which rhetorical question does the poem ask at the end of the poem? How does he justify his reason to do so? 4

**Section B- Prose**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 4:***

***“In the meantime you should try and put up with me”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? How old is the speaker? Who is the speaker talking to? 3

2. What had the narrator’s sister done for him? Why? 3

3. Mention the tragedy narrated by Vera. 3

4. Whom did the other person see coming from the direction of the window? 3

5. Do you agree that romance at short notice was the speaker’s specialty? Justify. 4

***Question 5:***

***“There was no sound of his calling from the mosque”***

1. Who is being spoken about in the above lines? How has he been described? 3

2. What did Bakri decide when he heard no voice that morning? What did he do instead? Why? 3

3. Why had Bakri gone up the hill? 3

4. What were Bakri’s thoughts when he heard someone coming up the hill?

5. Why did Bakri apologize to the boys? How did he apologize? What did all the boys do at the end?

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***Question 6:***

***“All learned men came to the king but they all answered his questions differently”***

1. Which questions did the King have? 3

2. What did the King decide after hearing the different answers? Why? 3

3. Where did the Hermit live? How did the King go there? 3

4. Who was the bearded man? Why did he ask for forgiveness from the King? 3

5. In what way were the King’s questions answered? 4

***Question 7:***

1. How did the Gods create the world? 3

2. What were the Gods who belonged to the race of supernatural beings called? Who was given the responsibility to create a human? 3

3. Which special quality was given to the human? By whom was it given? Where was it found? 3

4. Describe the box that Pandora was going to open. 3

5. What happened as soon as Pandora opened the lid? 4

***Question 8:***

1. Who was Acricius? How many children he had? What did the Oracle tell him? 3

2. Describe the person who saved Danae and her child. How did he save her? 3

3. Describe young Perseus. 3

4. Mention what happened when Perseus went to the Grey Ladies. 3

5. In the end, what happened in Argolis? 4

***Question 9:***

1. What were the names of Aeson’s wife and their child? What did the wife realise? 3

2. Who was Chiron? 3

3. What did Jason learn from Chiron? 3

4. Which kind of threats would Jason’s ship have to face? 3

5. How did Medea help Jason the second time? 4