Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Anne bakes a cake, In the bazaars of Hyderabad**

**SET B ANSWER KEY**

**Q1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

*“It’s all just a funny mistake that anybody might make.”*

1. Who is the speaker of the above lines? Who is she pacifying? Why? (3)

Ans. The Speaker of the above lines is Mrs. Allan who is trying to pacify Anne. In her attempt to impress Mrs. Allan, whose patient attitude had won the heart of Anne, Anne baked a cake. However, due to severe cold, she was unable to smell and accidentally added Anodyne Liniment instead of baking powder. This resulted in a disastrous cake and her attempt to impress Mrs. Allan boomeranged. Hence Mrs. Allan wanted to make Anne feel comfortable and asked her to forget her mistake.

1. Why did Anne want to impress Mrs. Allan? (3)

Ans. Mr. Allan was the new minster in Avonlea. His wife, Mrs. Allan, had taken a class in Anne’s school. Impressed by her patience, Anne wanted to impress the couple when they would come to their house- the Green Gables. Hence Anne decided to bake a cake in order to make Mr. and Mrs. Allan happy. Unfortunately, the cake didn’t turn out to be as Anne had imagined and it had a horrible taste.

1. What mistake did Anne make? How did she feel about it? (4)

Ans. Anne had accidently added Anodyne Liniment instead of Baking powder in a cake. Anne was very embarrassed when she committed the mistake. She burst into tears as soon as she got to know about the grave mistake that she had committed. Crying, she fled into her room and throwing herself on her bed, she wept.

**Q2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

*“What do you cry, O ye fruitmen? Citron, pomegranate and plum. What do you play, O ye musicians? Cithar, sarangi and drum. What do you chant, O ye magicians? Spells for aeons to come.*

1. Name the various people selling various commodities in this stanza. (3)

Ans. In this stanza, Sarojini Naidu tells us that the market place has fruit sellers who sell the fruits required to nourish our body and it also has the musicians and the magicians who sell their talent so that we can nourish our soul. Thus the market place is a place where the bodily and the needs of the soul are satisfied.

1. The market is not just filled with daily, but also with luxurious goods. Justify your statement with examples from the poem. (3)

Ans. According to the poem, “In the Bazaars of Hyderabad” the market place is filled with various people selling different items. Where on one hand, there are merchants displaying turbans, tunics, daggers; vendors selling lentil, rice; maidens sending sandalwood henna spice, fruit men selling citron, pomegranate and plum; and flower girls selling flowers. All of these are the daily goods require for every day. On the other hand, there are goldsmiths and pedlar’s displaying their rich wares and even musicians to add to the beauty of the market place. These account for the wealth and the luxury that one can see being sold in the market place.

1. Why are musicians and magicians required in a market place? What do they sell? How do they earn money in a market place? (4)

Ans. Musicians and Magicians, according to the poetess, are also required in a market place. While merchants sell tangible goods, these artists sell intangible goods like their talent. They to come to the market place to earn their living. And what they provide us with is peace, happiness and content for the soul. They too must be respected and given money as they provide food for our soul. Thus, the musicians and the magicians are also like the merchants and the vendors selling their product to earn money.