Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Merchant of Venice Act 1- Scene 2, Scene 3, Cold Within, A Horse and Two goats**

**SET: C**

1. Mention the names of the six suitors who had come to woo Portia. 3

Ans. Neapolitan prince, Count Palatine, French Lord, English lord (Falconbridge), Scottish lord, German lord (Duke of Saxony’s nephew)

1. How is the first description of Bassanio done in Act 1, Scene 2? 2

Ans. Bassanio is described a Venetian scholar and soldier who had visited Belmont in the company of Marquis of Montferrat.

1. What reason is given by Shylock for delay in his decision about the loan? 4

Ans. Shylock tells Antonio that often he has berated him in the Rialto about his moneys and usances. He has borne it with a patient shrug. Antonio has called him misbeliever, cut-throat dog and spat upon his Jewish gabardine. He has done all this just because Shylock charges interest. Antonio also has spat on his beard and kicked him as one would spurn a stray dog over his threshold.

1. Is the title of the poem ‘Cold within’ significant? Why? 4

Ans. Yes, it is significant. The poet has cleverly woven a story of six strangers trapped in biting cold. They had the opportunity to save themselves, if they had given their logs to the dying fire, the only chance of their survival. They refused to do so due to their irrational prejudices. Finally, it was the cold within their hearts and not without that spelt their doom. The poet has aptly titled his poem ‘The Cold Within’.

1. Who is the third man mentioned in the poem? What did he do? 2

Ans. The third man is a poor man in tattered clothes. He gave his coat a hitch.

1. What happened when the foreigner offered a light to Muni? Why? 2

Ans. When the foreigner offered a light to Muni by flicking the lighter open, Muni felt confused. As he had never seen how a lighter works, he blew on it and put it out.

1. Give the mythological information given about the horse. 3

Ans. Muni narrates the story of the horse and the warrior. He says that the horse is their guardian and it means death to their adversaries. At the end of Kali Yuga, the world and the other worlds will be destroyed and the Redeemer will come in the shape of a horse called ‘Kalki’. The horse will come to life and gallop and trample down all bad men.