Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

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

**Std VIII-PPS Set A**

1. Which coloured papers are mentioned in the poem ‘Night Mail’? 2

Ans. The different hues written on the paper are the pink, the violet, the white and the blue.

1. Which places have been mentioned in the next few lines? 2

Ans. Cranston, Crawford, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen

1. What happens when it is dawn? How is the city of Glasgow described? 3

Ans. When it is dawn, the climb of the train is done. Glasgow is described to be a place where there are steam tugs yelping, there are glade of cranes. Also, it is a place where the fields of apparatus, the furnaces are set on the dark plain that look like gigantic chessmen.

1. What question is asked by the poet at the end of the poem? 3

Ans. At the end, the poet asks a rhetorical question and says that there won’t be a single person who will bear the postman’s knock without a quickening of the heart as nobody could bear to feel himself forgotten.

1. In the story ‘A Wild little thing’ what would happen in springtime? 3

Ans. In springtime when the father would arrive home, black and tired. The kids would see their father face to face but the meeting wouldn’t be really a happy one. According to the narrator, perhaps it was painful for his father to see the kids gaily starting the day whereas he would start his day soiled and wearily.

1. What did the father bring home? What questions did the children ask on seeing it? 3

Ans. The father brought a wild rabbit at home. The children asked their father who gave him the rabbit. They immediately asked if it was alive and if he could hear its heartbeat.

1. Did the mother and the children have the same opinion about bringing it home? Explain. 4

Ans. No, the mother and the children did not have the same opinion about bringing the rabbit home. They were in loud disagreement. The mother was not happy, and reminded the father what it will be. On the other hand, the children thought that their father did right and it should have been brought home as it was not big enough to live by itself, or else it would die.