Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAM**

**Std: VIII BB Duration: 2 hrs Marks: 80**

**SECTION A- PROSE**

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

***Question 1: 16***

***“May I hope, Madam, for your interest with your fair daughter”***

1. Who is the speaker? Who is the speaker talking to? What does the speaker ask? 3
2. How does the speaker flatter Elizabeth in spite of her unwillingness to marry him? 3
3. Mention the reasons why the speaker wants to marry Elizabeth. 3
4. In what way does Elizabeth convey that matter was settled? 3
5. How does the speaker justify that Elizabeth’s refusal was not serious? 4

***Question 2: 16***

***“Well, it’s just a bit of magic, perhaps.”***

1. Who said the above to whom? What does ‘it’ refer to? 3
2. Describe ‘it’ and also mention its special feature. 3
3. How had the speaker got the paw? Why did he still have it with him? 3

iv) What happened as soon as Mr White made the first wish? 3

v) Mention the contrast in the parlour room as mentioned at the end of part one and the beginning of part two of the story. 4

**SECTION B- POETRY**

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

***Question 3: 16***

***“I met a traveller from an antique land”***

1. What had the traveller seen? 3
2. Describe what he had seen. 3
3. What was written on the pedestal? 3
4. What is meant by ‘colossal wreck’? Why has it been called so? 3
5. What message is conveyed through the poem? 4

***Question 4:***

***“Life is but an empty dream”***

1. How is life described in the next stanza? 3
2. What should and shouldn’t be our destined end or way? 3

iii) What should our heartbeat remind us of? 3

iv) What can be an inspiration for the people who are in trouble? How? 3

1. What does the poet describe about in the last stanza of the poem? 4

**SECTION C- ALCHEMIST**

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

***Question 5:***

***Sometimes he would comment to them on the things he had seen in the village they passed***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? What does the word mean ‘them’? What things are being mentioned here? 3
2. What would the boy do when the merchant would be busy in the shop? Which shop is this? How many times in a year would he go there? 3
3. How is the girl described in the next few lines? 3
4. What did the boy do after sweeping the floor with his jacket? What did he tell himself? 3
5. Did the boy’s father help him to achieve his dream? How? Why? 4