Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION**

**Std: VIII-FRIENDS Duration: 2 Hours Marks: 80**

**ATTEMPT ANY EIGHT QUESTIONS**

**Question 1**

***‘What does it matter to me, if they can write...’ 10***

1. Who does the word ‘me’ refer to? Who are ‘they’ in the poem? Why is the speaker not bothered? [3]
2. What is the ‘brunt’ which the poet is talking about? [3]
3. Explain: ‘My pack of unruly hounds’. To whom does he call so? Why? [4]

**Question 2**

***‘When the night comes, to lie down in peace….’ 10***

1. What has the poet expressed in the sentence that comes immediately after this? [2]
2. Who are envied? [3]
3. Explain: stranger’s shell [3]
4. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? Mention the reason. [2]

**Question 3**

***‘What is your crest, by the way? 10***

1. Mention the two crests and the reason why there are two? [4]
2. How much money Bertie had in his pocket? Which other things were scattered on the seat beside him? [3]
3. Which parts of the story show us that it was written and is set in the past? [3]

**Question 4**

***‘I am sorry,’ said I ‘but the matter cannot be delayed’ 10***

1. Which ‘matter’ is mentioned in the story? Why is the speaker sorry? [3]
2. What happened when the friend’s name was mentioned? [3]
3. Which details, not including the revelation that he is a murderer, create the impression that Culverton Smith is an unpleasant person? [4]

**Question 5**

***‘The lion saw his chance now; he released the leg…’ 10***

1. What happened next? What did the children see in the pit? [3]
2. Which different noises were created in the background of silence? [3]
3. How do we know that the children are completely absorbed in watching the meat-ant being attacked by the ant-lion? [4]

**Question 6**

***‘I record here the true story of that nose’ 10***

1. Is it really a true story as mentioned by the writer? [3]
2. What amazing thing happened one day? [3]
3. Was long-nosed one’s opinion considered important? [4]

**Question 7**

***But she was mistaken. ‘No one has come to any harm’. 10***

1. Who was mistaken? What was told to her immediately after this? [3]
2. Who is Caliban? Who had taken care of him? How? [4]
3. Who was punished at the end of the scene? Why? [3]

**Question 8**

***‘But before Sebastian could finish, Ariel arrived again’ 10***

1. What was Sebastian about to finish? Who sent Ariel? Why? [3]
2. What explanation was given by Antonio and Sebastian when they were asked why did they look so fearful? [3]
3. What does Caliban promise to do for Stephano? Why does he think Stephano is a ‘wondrous man’? [4]

**Question 9:**

***‘These words touched Miranda so deeply that she began to think…’ 10***

1. Which words touched Miranda? Who said those words to her? What did she begin to think? [3]
2. When Stephano was afraid, how did Caliban console him? [3]
3. Who is harpy’s disguise? What does he say to the king, his brother and Antonio? [4]