Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION**

**Std: VIII-NES 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**

***‘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 4**

***‘It’s song to a man’s soul, brother, fire to a man’s brain.’ 10***

1. What does the word ‘its’ refer to? [2]
2. How is the west land described in this stanza? [3]
3. Explain the line ‘fire to a man’s brain’ [2]
4. How differently is the word ‘warm’ mentioned in the poem? [3]

**Question 5**

***“Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action…” 10***

i. Who is ‘thee’ in the poem? To whom is the poem addressed? [3]

ii. What has the poet expressed in the line previous to this one? [3]

iii. Explain: ‘knowledge is free’ [4]

**Question 6**

***“Maintaining Robutt isn’t cheap, either…”*** ***10***

1. Who is the speaker? Whom are the words spoken to? Why? [3]
2. Where is the guest? How long have they not seen him? [3]
3. How did Robutt get its name? Mention two points how Robutt is different from the real dog? [4]

**Question 7**

***‘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 8  *10***

***“And treat these two impostors just the same...”***

1. Which impostors have been mentioned in the poem? Why are they called so? [4]
2. Explain: If you can dream- and not make dreams your master. [2]
3. List the qualities which ‘make a man’ according to the poet. [4]

**Question 9**

***“That slowly dawned behind the trees, the barren boughs without the leaves… 10***

1. How did the children’s reaction change later? [3]
2. What time of day is it? Which season? Where was the brook? Justify with the lines from the poem. [3]
3. Why did the children go to the brook? Did they get it there? [4]

**Question 10**

***‘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]