Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The West Wind, A Boy’s Best Friend**

**Std: VIII NES Duration: 35 Mins Marks: 25**

1. What does the West Wind address the poet as? Why? 2

Ans. The West Wind addressed the poet as his brother. It is because the poet was born and brought up in the west land from where the west wind comes.

1. What effect do the wild bees and the merry spring generate? 3

Ans. To hear the wild bees is like a song to a man’s soul and to see the merry spring again provides fire (energy) to a man’s brain. It revitalises or rejuvenates a person.

1. How is the air and grass described in the spring season? 3

Ans. The air is like wine. The grass is cool and green where men lie at rest.

1. How is the West land described in the last stanza of the poem? 4

Ans. The west land is a fine land where one can see cool and green grass, it’s for the heart and the head to rest. One can hear the thrushes’ song, see violets, warm hearts. The poet says that he must tread the white road westwards to go to the west land where he belongs.

1. Describe the new guest on the moon. 3

Ans. The new guest on the moon is a real dog, a Scotch Terrier puppy, Robutt. It was a robotic dog who could hear Jimmy by radio. Robutt always outraced Jimmy and he didn’t need any spacesuit. He had four legs, a positronic brain, radar and was made up of tendons of steel.

1. In what was Jimmy different to others? 2

Ans. Jimmy was different from others as he was Moon born and according to the Earth standards he was spindly and rather tall for a 10 year old.

1. Had Jimmy been to crater before? How do we know? 4

Ans. Yes, Jimmy had been to the crater many times before. We know that Jimmy had been to the crater many times because he knew the exact location of every one of the few rocks though the grown-ups had said that the area was dangerous. Also, because the darkness near the crater has been described as ‘friendly.’ It is because he has visited the place very often.

1. Did Robutt actually understand human emotions? Justify with examples from the text. 4

Ans: Yes, Robutt did understand human emotions quite well. He gave low squeak when he realised that he could be sent away. Had he not understood human emotions, he wouldn’t have expressed. Secondly, when Jimmy says that he loves Robutt and opens his arms, Robutt leaps in one bound and gives happy squeaks.