Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**CHAPTER 3:**

1. What has Prospero ordered Ferdinand to do? How does Miranda plan to relieve him?

Ans. Prospero ordered Ferdinand to collect a large number of logs and pile them for him. Watching him toil ceaselessly, Miranda begged him to not work so hard. She asked him to set the logs down and rest for a while. She told him that her father was engrossed in books and he need not worry about him. She asked him to let her carry the wood for him.

1. How does Miranda go against her father’s wishes?

Ans. Miranda did remember the instructions that her father had given her, but when Ferdinand told her that he did prize and honour her, she was touched by his words. She began to think herself unworthy of his love. She told him that she would be his wife if he agreed to marry her, and if not, she would die as his maid. She told Ferdinand that even if he refused to marry her, she would still stay by his side as a servant even if it was against his wish. Ferdinand answered her saying that he wanted to marry her as desperately as bondage longs for freedom and gave Miranda his hand. This way, Miranda had gone against her father’s wishes.

1. What does Caliban promise Stephano if he killed Prospero and became the master of the island?

Ans. Caliban requests Stephano to kill Prospero and says that if he would do so, he would become the master of the island and Caliban, his faithful servant. Caliban says that they could destroy his books that gave him his power. He tells Stephano that if he kills Prospero, he would have his beautiful daughter as his wife who would produce fine children for him. Stephano couldn’t resist such temptations and assures to kill Prospero.

1. When Stephano feels afraid on hearing Ariel on his tabor, how does Caliban comfort him? What does he say about the island?

Ans. When Stephano was visibly afraid, Caliban consoles him by saying that the island was full of unaccountable noises, sweet and delightful and would never bring harm. He recalled how various string instruments would sound sweetly in his ears, and melodious voices would bring sleep to his eyes. Often while he slept he would see the sky opening up to shower riches upon him. The visions were so fantastic that when he awoke he would long to sleep again. This proved to be a kind kingdom to Stephano.

1. What does Ariel, in harpy’s disguise, say to the king, his brother and Antonio? What is Alonso’s reaction?

Ans. Ariel says that they were three men of sin, whom destiny has caused the sea to belch up on an island on which men do not inhabit and on that island, he had driven them insane. He calls them fools when he sees the men draw their swords. He tells them that the excessive courage that they displayed would lead to their own destruction. He asks them to listen to his words carefully. He says that they supplant Duke Prospero from Milan and exposed him and his child to the sea. It was this grave offence that vexed the sea and all its shores and every creature that lives there. He blamed Alonso for being the reason behind his son’s death. He says that it was only a matter of time till damnation came to each of them, stranded on the island where life could only be full of penitence and sorrow.

To this, Alonso cried in utter bewilderment and said that the waves themselves spoke to him for his misdeed. He blamed himself for Ferdinand’s death in the tempest and wished him own life would end so he could lie beneath the seabed next to his beloved son.