Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAM**

**Std IX-PPS Duration: 2 hours Marks 80**

**Set D**

**Attempt at least one question from each section**

**Section A- Drama**

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

***Question 1 16***

***“God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man.”***

1. Who is being spoken about? How is he described? 3
2. How is the appearance of the English lord described? 3
3. Which example does Portia give to Nerissa to prove that she abides by her father’s condition? 3
4. What request does Portia make to Nerissa to avoid her getting married to the German lord? 3
5. What is Nerissa’s formula for ideal happiness? What example does she give to substantiate it? 4

***Question 2 16***

***“Why, look you, how you storm!”***

1. What happens just before this dialogue? 3
2. How does the speaker react to Antonio’s anger? 3
3. What condition does Shylock place before Antonio to give him an interest free loan? 3
4. How does Shylock convince Antonio to sign this bond? 3
5. What are the reasons that Shylock gives for hating Antonio? 4

***Question 3 16***

***“Mislike me not for my complexion, the shadowed livery of the burnished sun to...”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? Where does the scene take place?3
2. Explain: The shadowed livery of the burnished sun 3
3. Is Morocco proud of his colour? Justify with examples from the scene. 3
4. How does Portia react to this speech of Morocco? 3
5. What does this scene tell us about the character of Morocco? 4

**Section B- Poetry**

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

***Question 4 16***

*“****He plants a friend of the sun and sky”***

1. Why does the poet call the tree a friend of the sun and sky? 3
2. What does he plant who plants a tree? Limit your answer to the first stanza only. 3
3. What does the poet mean by “And years that fade and flush again”? 3
4. Explain the term ‘growth from sea to sea’. Mention its relevance to the poem. 3
5. Is the title of the poem relevant? Justify your answer. 4

***Question 5 16***

**“In bleak and bitter cold”**

1. Name the figure of speech used in the above given line. 3
2. Why did the first and the second person not give their logs? 3
3. Who is the third person? How is he dressed? What did he do? Why? 3
4. What was each man in the group aware of? 3
5. What are different types of discriminations highlighted in the poem? How can they affect the mankind? 4

***Question 6 16***

**“Our shining loads to the temple fair.”**

1. Who is the ‘Our’ referred to? What does the poet mean by ‘shining loads’? Why does he use this term? 3
2. How does the poet describe the bangles in the first stanza of the poem? 3
3. Which colours of bangles are suitable for a maiden’s wrist? What are the colours compared to?

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1. According to the poet, for whom are the purple and gold flecked grey bangles suitable? How does he describe the woman? 3
2. Give examples of imagery from the poem. 4

**Section C- Prose**

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

***Question 7 16***

***“There were three animals altogether”***

1. What was the old man’s response when the narrator asked him about his animals? 3
2. Which animal was the old man not worried about? Why? 3
3. What did the narrator feel bad about? Why? 3
4. Give the symbolism of Easter Sunday. 3
5. Why is the old man called lucky for that day? 4

***Question 8 16***

***“He noticed now a new sort of vehicle coming down at full speed”***

1. What happened when the vehicle sputtered and stopped in front of Muni? 3
2. Why did Muni want to run away when he saw the foreigner? 3
3. What did the foreigner offer Muni? How did Muni react? Why? 3
4. According to Muni, what happens at the age of seventy? How did he go on? 3
5. What did the foreigner tell Muni about ‘the last august’? 4

***Question 9***

1. Who is the God of the natives? Why does Chief Seattle say he has forgotten his people? 4
2. Compare the religion of the White Americans and the Native Americans. 4
3. According to Chief Seattle why do the spirits of his tribe come back? 8