**Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)**

**Question Bank: The Charge of the Light Brigade**

1. What does the word ‘league’ mean? Where are they going?

‘League’ is an old way to measure distance. It is approximately three miles. Hence, ‘half a league’ means one and half a mile. The six hundred soldiers are ride to the valley of Death.

1. What did the commander shout?

The commander shouted the Light Brigade to forward and charge for the guns.

1. How are the soldiers described in the second stanza? What has ‘someone’ done?

The poet says that there wasn’t any soldier who had been dismayed. They cannot reply nor they can ask the reason behind the attack knowing that it was someone who blundered. They were willing to do what was told and die. Such was their bravery and loyalty.

1. Why is it called a ‘blunder’?

It is called a blunder because the enemies had better arms and weapons than the light brigade. The light brigade came on horseback.

1. How is the scene described in the third stanza?

It has been said that the cannons were to the right, left and in front of these six hundred soldiers. These soldiers were attacked with those cannons and it made a thundering sound. They were stormed at with shot and shell yet they rode boldly and well.

1. How did the six hundred soldiers attack?

The six hundred soldiers flashed all their bare sabres, they attacked as they turned in the air. They killed the gunners who were charging there, with their sabres. They were all surrounded with the smoke of the battery that is the heavy weaponry. The soldiers broke through the line of their attackers.

1. Who were fighting the battle?

Cossacks and Russians were fighting the battle against a common enemy. The poem describes the Crimean War when the Britain and its Allies were fighting against the Russian Empire.

1. What happened to the Cossacks and the Russians?

The Cossacks and the Russians reeled from the stroke of the sabre. The enemies were shattered and sundered. The Light Brigade did ride back but not all six hundred.

1. How are the soldiers described in the fifth stanza? Why?

The soldiers are described as ‘heroes’ who fought so well and came through the jaws of Death, back from the mouth of hell.

1. What is spoken about the Light Brigade’s glory in the last stanza?

It is mentioned that their glory can never fade. The world will continue to wonder the wild charge they made and everyone will honour the charge and the Light brigade and the Noble six hundred.