Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

1. Why does Antonio say ‘Hear me yet’? Why does he call Shylock ‘good’? 3

Ans. Antonio asks Shylock to at least hear him out as Shylock was being stubborn and would not let go of the bond. He was not ready to listen anything against his bond. Shylock keeps interrupting Antonio and was not ready to listen to him. He also calls Shylock ‘good’ he wants Shylock to be in the listening mode.

2.What reason does Antonio suggest for Shylock’s unrelenting attitude 3

Ans. Antonio decides to leave Shylock alone and not follow him anymore with bootless prayers. He knows that Shylock seeks his life and is also aware about his reasons for the same. Antonio has often delivered many people who made moan to him about Shylock’s debts from Shylock’s forfeitures. Therefore, Shylock hates him.

3. How does Salerio try to bring hope to Antonio regarding the bond? 2

Ans. Solanio calls Shylock as the most impenetrable cur that ever kept with men. He also says that he is sure that the Duke would never grant this kind of forfeiture to hold.

4. Explain: To see me pay his debt. 3

Ans. Antonio has lost all the hope and is ready to pay the debt to his bloody creditor, Shylock. He says that he does not care about anything else, but only wants Bassanio to come and see him pay his debt. He wanted Bassanio to know that how much he meant to him.

5. What does Portia say about the essential factors in friendship? 3

Ans. Portia says that those companions who do converse, waste the time together and whose souls bear an equal yoke of love are similar to each other. There is a like proportion of lineaments, manners and spirit.

6. In what state will their husbands see them, according to Portia? 3

Ans. Portia replies to Nerissa’s question about their husbands in Venice in affirmation. She says that their husbands would indeed be able to see them. However, when they are accourtered like young men, their husbands would see them in such a habit that they shall think that these girls are accomplished with what they lack.

7. What does Jessica hope for to save herself? 2

Ans. Jessica hopes that she would be able to save herself from the sins committed by her parents. This belief stems from the fact that she is getting married to a Christian because of which she would be saved.

8. Is Laucelot convinced by the argument put forward by Jessica? Why? 2

Ans. No, Launcelot is not convinced by the Christian argument put forward by Jessica. He says there were enough Christians before. This making of Christians would raise the price of hogs. If they all grow to be pork eater, they shall not have a rasher on the coals for money.

9. What does Lorenzo say about Launcelot’s wit? 4

Ans. Lorenzo is quite impressed by Launcelot’s wit. He addressed discretion saying that Launcelot’s words are well suited. He says Launcelot has planted in his memory an army of good words. Lorenzo is aware about many fools garnished like him who for a tricksy word defy the matter. Many of them stand in much better place than Launcelot.