Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Batch: IX FRIENDS Duration: 1 HOUR Marks: 40**

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

1. Which two kinds of people does Salerio mention about? 3
2. In what way do Solanio, Salerio and Antonio show sophistication while parting from each other? 3
3. How does Bassanio describe Portia? 4
4. Why is the tree called as ‘a heaven anigh’ in the poem ‘The Heart of the tree’? 3
5. What do the ‘unborn eyes’ refer to? What will they see? 2
6. Why does the poet say that a nation’s growth depends upon the wealth of the tree? 4
7. Who is the narrator of the poem ‘Bangle Sellers’? How does the narrator describe the bangles in the first stanza? 2
8. Some bangles are compared to buds. Why? What do the buds symbolize? Bring out the comparison. 3
9. Which bangles are compared to the mountain mist? Why? 2
10. Which women are referred to in the last stanza of the poem ‘Bangle sellers’? What does the poet say about them? 4
11. Who is the narrator of the story ‘Old Man at the Bridge’? What role is he given? 3
12. Where were the trucks heading to? Why? What is the response of the old man to this information? 3
13. Explain the symbolism of the animals in the story ‘Old man at the Bridge’. 4