Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

First Term Examination

Std VIII SSRVM Duration: 2 Hours Marks 80

**Section A- Prose**

**Read the given extracts and answer the questions that follow:**

**Question 1 (10)**

***She’s taken our class and she’s a splendid teacher.***

1. Who said the above line? Who does ‘she’ refer to? 2
2. Why does the speaker say that ‘she’ was a splendid teacher? 2
3. What does the speaker wish to do to show her lover for her teacher? What did she want to prepare for the occasion? 2
4. What was the double disgrace that the speaker faced? 2
5. Write the meanings of : a) kindred spirit b) reflectively 2

**Question 2 (10)**

***“Oh that, that is what we call him at home only.”***

1. Who says these words and to whom? 2
2. What is the person mentioned in the above lines called at home? What is the other name and where is he called by it? Why does the person have two names? 3
3. How does the listener react on hearing the above words? What does she do immediately? 3
4. Explain : good name (with reference to the lesson) 2

**Question 3 (10)**

***Those few words overwhelmed me.***

1. Who does ‘me’ refer to? Whose words are referred to in the above line? 2
2. What were the words that are referred to in the above line? Why was the speaker overwhelmed? 2
3. What would usually happen when the school began? Was it the same that day? What was different? 4
4. That day something unexpected had happened. Where did the people get such news generally? What other news was put up there? 2

**Section B- Poetry**

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

**Question 4 (10)**

***What do you weave, O ye flower –girls***

***With tassel of azure and red ?***

1. What are the flower girls doing? 4
2. Bring out the contrast in the last stanza. 2
3. Do you think this bazaar is for people who want to buy things for their daily needs or for people to shop for luxuries? What makes you say so? 4

**Question 5 (10)**

***Your fields are empty now***

***Only your ghosts dance***

1. Whose fields are empty now? What does the word ‘fields’ refer to? 2
2. Explain : only your ghosts dance 2
3. Why are the fields mentioned above empty? Who has occupied them? 2
4. Bring out the difference in the approach of the poet and that of the people regarding their reaction to the lessening in the number of the creatures mentioned in the poem. 4

**Question 6: (10)**

***Yet one is surprised to see the poem***

***Gradually unfolding***

1. Why do the above lines start with ‘yet’ 2
2. What happens when the poem gradually unfolds? 2
3. What is the first reading of a poem compared to? Do we find that surprising? 2
4. Does the poem just unfold as time passes or does it happen when we do something a few times? Do what? 2
5. Write the meanings: a) dimensions b) revealing 2

**Section B- Rapid Reader**

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

**Question 7: (10)**

***“Mollie? Mollie? Mollie? Where are you?”***

1. Who is the speaker of the given lines? Describe the speaker and Mollie. 3
2. What did the speaker complain about? 3
3. Why does the speaker say “We are rather stupid in this business”? 4

**Question 8: (10)**

***“Excellent breakfast this morning”***

1. Describe the breakfast, lunch and dinner that was served? 3
2. What is the opinion of Mrs. Boyle and Major Metcalf about Christopher? 3
3. Briefly state the discussion between Mrs. Boyle and Miss Casewell about Mollie and her social status. 4