Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**CHAPTER 2:**

1. Whose loss is Alonso mourning?What does Francisco say to comfort him?

Ans. Alonso is mourning the loss of his son, Ferdinand who he thinks, has drowned in the shipwreck. Francisco said that he had seen Ferdinand push the waves down and ride on their backs. He flung the hostile waters aside, and his bold head was always above the surges and soon he reached the base of a wave worn cliff. Francisco assured the king that he had no doubt that he reached the land shortly after.

1. Why do Antonio and Sebastian plan to do while the rest of their group is asleep?

Ans. Antonio instructed Sebastian. Antonio and Sebastian planned to murder Alonso and Gonzalo.

1. If Gonzalo were king of the island he is stranded on, how would he govern it?

Ans. Gonzalo declared that he would not follow custom but, on that island, allow no business or sophisticated education, no employment of servants no boundaries separating one piece of land from another no farming and husbandry- in short no occupation whatsoever. It would be an island of idle men and women and yet they would remain innocent and pure proving wrong all those believed that idleness begets lusts. There would be no sovereignty on it either.

1. Why does Sebastian blame Alonso for their current situation?

Ans. Sebastian blames Alonso for the terrible state of affairs. He said that everyone pleaded with Alonso, including his fair daughter, to not marry her to a king in land so distant. They had not only lost her, but their son too on their journey back from his sister’s wedding. According to Sebastian, if he had listened to everyone, the journey would not have taken place at all.

1. What does Caliban promise to do for Stephano? Why does he think Stephano is a ‘wondrous man’?

Ans. Caliban promises to show Stephano every fertile inch of the island and take him to the best springs that flowed on it. He tells Stephano that he would pluck berries for him, catch fish for him and fetch him wood. Stephano thought that the monster was speaking gibberish and decided to give the creature some of his liquor. He told Caliban that the liquor would put an end to his trembling. Caliban found himself filled with reverence for Stephano who had provided him what he thought was a celestial drink. Caliban had grown credulous under the influence of alcohol and told Stephano that he could see him inside the moon, he also told Stephano that he adored him.