Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 1**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) Princess September 1) I Believe Merchant

Of

2) A Tiger in the Tunnel 2) Psalm of life Venice (Act I)

**Std X Set D**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “... mark what Jacob did, when Laban and himself...”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom are they spoken? 2
2. What compromise is the speaker referring to? 3
3. How does Antonio counter this argument? 3

**Q2) “Let me play the fool, with mirth and laughter ...”**

1. What just precedes this speech? 2
2. What does Gratiano desire in life? 3
3. What does he ask Antonio not to do? Why? 3

**Q3) “Baldeo the watchman was awake. He stretched himself, slowly unwinding”**

1. What was Baldeo preparing for? 2
2. Describe the station which is mentioned. 3
3. What was Baldeo’s responsibility? 3

**Q4) What themes related to human nature does the story ‘Princess September’ deal with? Substantiate with examples. 8**

**Q5) “Dust thou art, to dust returnest was not spoken of the soul”**

1. What is life described as just before this stanza? 2
2. Explain the given lines 3
3. What should be/ should not be our destined end or way? 3

**Q6) “I believe I can do many things amidst the human angels”**

1. Who is the poet of the said lines? Which language was the poem originally in? 2
2. Who is called as the human angels? Why? 3
3. What does the poet believe she can find inside the earth? What can she do with it?3