Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: I believe, Sonnet XIV**

**Std X- PPS Set B**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

1. Explain: ‘Love so wrought may be unwrought so’. (3)
2. Do you believe that idealistic love that the poet yearns is possible? Justify.(4)
3. According to the poet, what will happen, if her lover supports her? (3)
4. What would do the poet do after soaring to the heights? What is the symbolic meaning of it? (3)
5. What does the poet want to claw into? What would she find there? (3)
6. Explain the shift from idealism to realism in the poem ‘I believe’. (4)

**ANSWER KEY**

1. According to the poetess the love that has been cultivated because of the external attributes like beauty, smile, thoughts and talk may easily be evaporated. If love has been brought about by these aspects, the process of this kind of love getting reversed would not take much time.

2. According to me, the love that the poet talks about is idealistic love and cannot be called realistically possible. Love needs a premise to stand upon. It cannot be born out of nothing. Love for love’s sake seems to be farfetched idea. We, human beings, in spite of all our reasoning, do get attracted only by the external attributes and cannot delve beyond what is visible.

3. When provided with the support of her love, the poet is sure that her tears would vanish. After having pity on her, the lover may wipe the tears away from her cheeks. He would give her his comfort for a long time resulting in her forgetting her troubles completely.

4. According to the poet, she could soar to the heights and reach the sky. There she would be able to touch the silky clouds and feel the stars. The symbolic meaning is she had high ambitions and is confident that she would be able to achieve them.

5. The poet wants to claw into the earth’s belly. From there, she would be able to pick up the priceless gems. She plans to adorn herself with them.

6. She starts with her aspirations, ambitions and adventures. But later, she returns back to the core essence of being a human being, which is the fulfilment of the roles and responsibilities assigned to us.