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 F**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

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

**Q1) “God made him, therefore let him pass for a man”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? To whom are they spoken? 2
2. Whom is the speaker referring to through these words? In what way? 3
3. What does the speaker say to the listener fearing the worst? 3

**Q2) “I am like to call thee so again, to spit on thee again...”**

1. What is the speaker likely to call the listener? Why? 2
2. Why does Antonio say that a friend is unlikely to do? 3
3. How should the money be given according to Antonio? 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) “I believe if a pebble is thrown upwards, I can pierce the heavens”**

1. What aspect of human nature does this stanza represent? 2
2. What would the poet do after reaching the heights of the sky? 3
3. How is the last stanza of the poem different from all the others? 3

**Q6) “In the world’s broad field of battle”**

1. What does the poet not want us to be? What would he prefer us to be? 2
2. How should we work in the present? 3
3. What does lives of great men remind us of? 3