Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**ENGLISH Paper- 1**

**Set F**

***(Two hours)***

**ANSWER KEY**

Q3) a) i) incompetence- inability

ii) polishing off- finishing off, eating

iii) plunged- threw, put, insert

iv) strode- walked, marched

v) tongue in cheek- ironic and insincere way

b) i) Bill wanted to leave house as he was sick and tired of the needless incompetence and lack of imagination with which his parents ran the house.

ii) The responsibility which Bill took up first was of washing the dishes. He did so as he thought that his mother took very long to do that task.

iii) “Your inefficiency…… dishes” this statement is called tongue-in-cheek remark as the narrator mocked at his wife’s efficiency of doing the dishes.

iv) The writer followed Caroline into the kitchen as he heard raised voices from that quarter. On reaching the kitchen, the writer noticed that Bill had scalded two heat-resistant plates and then immediately plunged into a basin of cold water to rinse them.

v) Bill ultimately decided to not leave home as he was afraid that his parents wouldn’t manage at all without his help.

Precis:

c) Bill strode across to the sink to do the dishes as he thought his mother took too long for that task. He scalded two heat- resistant plates and plunged into a basin of cold water to rinse them. He also left the cold water tap on the plug in, and so water overflowed down the sink and across the hallway.

Q4) A) 1) doubt 2) civilised 3) are not allowed 4) insist

5) leans 6) think 7) have been 8) was

B) i) with ii) over iii) at iv) in

v) up vi) over vii) up viii) on

C) i) Everyone congratulated the captain without whom the team could not have won.

ii) He hunted while/whereas his wife spent the time in collecting leaves, roots and berries.

iii) Even after sailing back and forth across the place, we found nothing.

iv) Peter held out the little bag which contained his meagre lunch.

D) i) They had often warned me that the place was haunted by ghosts.

ii) Two men had been allegedly looted by the duo earlier that night.

iii) School life is full of events are which are humorous.

iv) Not only were police posts alerted but also the scooter number was flashed on the wireless.

v) Nobody else makes contribution to the society as great as a teacher.

vi) A person’s future can never/ not be told by examining the lines of his hand.

vii) The confectioner was too pleased for me to be left alone.

viii) Having finished my walk, I went out to play.