Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Inchcape Rock, Journey by Night**

**Std IX Duration: 30min Marks 20**

**Answer Key**

1. The Abbot of Aberbrothok had placed the Inchcape Bell on the Inchcape Rock. He was aware that many sailors used to lose their lives after their ships dashed against the rock. To prevent the recurrence of these happenings, he did the same.

2. ‘The darker speck’ refers to the buoy. It is of a darker shade than the ocean that is green in colour due to the aquatic plants. The colour was deliberately darker than green so that it is easily visible on the green ocean.

3. Sir Ralph stationed himself on the deck of his ship. He fixed his eye on the buoy which was a darker speck on the green ocean. He felt the cheering power of spring which made him whistle and sing. His heart was excessively mirthful and his mirth was hidden in his wickedness.

4. The father had won the title ‘Bahadur’ because of all the adventures that he had undertaken. The son takes up the challenge of taking his brother on his shoulders fifty miles away through the jungle. Eventually he too proves himself as worthy of the title ‘Bahadur’.

5. Sher Singh understood that the elephants were very near as he could smell them and hear the squeak of sand crushed under their feet. The brush of rough hide against each other was also heard. He could even see that the toss and hustle and great heads and black backbones.

6. Normally, they used the fuel very carefully which showed that they were poor. But as Kunwar was ill, the fuel was used recklessly to get the water hot soon.