Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**First Semester Examination**

**Std IX Set C**

**Marks 60 1.5 hours**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1 12***

***“Nature hath fram’d strange fellows in her time.”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Where are they spoken and to whom? 3
2. How does the speaker explain nature’s strange ways regarding people? 3
3. Who was Nestor? Explain his significance. 3
4. What assurance does Antonio give Salerio and Solanio after they share their insecurities? 3

***Question 2 12***

***“Why, look you, how you storm!”***

1. What happens just before this dialogue? 3
2. How does the speaker react to Antonio’s anger? 3
3. What condition does Shylock place before Antonio to give him an interest free loan? 3
4. How does Shylock convince Antonio to sign this bond? 3

**Section B- Poetry**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 3 12***

***“Paid by the world, what dost thou owe…”***

1. What type of payment is being spoken about? Why will God ask him the question? 3
2. Why does the patriot feel safer? 3
3. What is the difference in people’s attitude towards the patriot earlier and now? 3
4. Which is the ‘best of the sight’ referred to in the poem? Why is it called so? 3

***Question 4 12***

***The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night…***

1. What happened the next night? Who came and what surprised Abou? 3
2. What is the meaning of the words given in brackets in the first line of the poem? What does it mean? 3
3. What message does the poem convey? 4
4. Identify an example of Simile from the poem and give reasons. 2

**Section C- Prose**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 5 12***

***‘When our young men grow angry at some real or imaginary wrong….’***

1. What does the word ‘our young men’ refer to? What does the orator say about the young Red Indians? 2
2. Explain the significance of the line ‘we may be brothers after all’. 4
3. What is the order of nature? 2
4. What role do the Red Indians play after their death? 4

***Question 6 12***

How does Hemmingway show that war disrupts the lives of the civilians in ‘Old Man at the Bridge’?