Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Inchchape Rock, The Ant-Lion**

**Std: VIII-JK Duration: 30 mins Marks: 20**

**Answer the following questions with reference to context.**

1. **‘*He felt the cheering power of spring, it made him whistle it made him sing’***

**i. Who is ‘he’ mentioned here? Why was he cheerful? What was his plan? 2**

Ans:He here is Sir Ralph, the Rover. He was excessively mirthful on seeing the buoy as he had a wicked plan in his mind. The plan was to cut the Inchcape Bell away from the float.

**ii. What did he instruct his sailors to do? What did he do to add on to the**

**action of the sailors? 3**

Ans:Sir Ralph instructed the sailors to put out a lifeboat and row him towards the Inchcape Rock. To add on to the action of the sailors, he bent over from the boat and cut the Inchcape Bell away from the Inchcape float.

1. ***‘Down sank the bell with a gurgling sound, the bubbles rose and burst around.***’

1. **Where did Sir Ralph go after cutting off the Bell? What did he do there? 2**

Ans:After cutting off the Bell, Sir Ralph sailed away from the shore of Scotland. He scoured the seas for many days.

1. **What sound could Sir Ralph hear while dying? What did he compare it with 3**

Ans: In his dying fear, Sir Ralph could hear the sound of the ringing of a bell. He imagined that the devil was ringing his death knell. For that purpose the devil was using the Inchcape Bell.

1. ***“How many would he kill, I wonder?”***
2. **Who is the speaker? Who is ‘he’? What had ‘he’ killed? 2**

Ans: Max is the speaker. He is the ant-lion and he had killed three little ants.

1. **How was the first prey slain? 3**

Ans: The little ant was trying to escape. He wasn’t able to yet he tried harder. Morvenna, with the help of a twig, tried to push the ant up the shifting sand-slope of the pit. But her brother, lying next to her, filled his cheeks with air and blew hard. The ant fell back to the pit-bottom and the ant-lion killed him.

1. ***‘She thrust him aside and peered down’***
2. **Why did Max give a shout of triumph? 2**

Ans: The ant-lion had seized the meat-ant by one leg and those relentless tool-jaws hung on it. Thus Max gave a shout of triumph.

1. **Mention three creatures and their activities apart from the ants and ant-lion. 3**

Ans: a. Cicadas filled the afternoon with their monotonous shrill.

b. Wagtail hopped on the fence

c. Other ants ran placidly about their business