Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 2**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) My Lost Dollar 1) Sonnet 14 Merchant

Of

2) Hunger 2) A Doctor’s Journal… Venice (Act II)

**Std X Set B**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Portia. A room in Portia’s house. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** As a casket with a virgin colour. As silver is close to white colour, which is known as the colour of virginity and purity this is being said. Later he calls it as ten times undervalued than pure gold. **3 marks**

**Ans iii) ‘**Who chooseth me shall gain what many men desire’ is written on the gold casket. ‘Who chooseth me shall get what he deserves is the message on the silver casket. And the lead casket has the message written ‘Who chooseth me must give and hazard all he hath’.  **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Launcelot. Will be the judge about the difference in treatment by old Shylock and Bassanio. Shylock claims he will be ill-treated. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Shylock claims that Launcelot has been overeating at his place whereas Bassanio will not allow him to do that. Also he says that he has been sleeping and snoring and rending apparel out. All these things will not be appreciated by his new master. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The speaker calls Jessica to hand over the keys of the house. He has been invited for supper though he is aware that it is to flatter him than anything else. He wants to go as he thinks that there is some ill being planned against him. He wants Jessica to take of the house well and lock it from within. **3 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** Personification. Pity is given the human quality of wiping the cheeks. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The pitiable person who is crying is called a creature. This is so because the word incites pity as if the person is some humble creation of god. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The poet does not want to be loved for the sake of pity. She feels that if she is loved for the sake of pity that love would surely vanish soon. After her tears dry up the love of the beloved for the narrator will dry up too. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** No. The narrator’s wife did not leave him willingly. She initially hesitated butt was practical enough to know that the best option to take was leaving the doctor and proceeding further. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The doctor was thinking far ahead. His body had slowed up due the serious injuries but his mind was processing thoughts at very brisk pace. He was thinking about the possibility to help others, the reasons of the catastrophe while his legs refused to move. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The poet is using very harsh visual imagery to create panic in the poem. The vivid description of the wounds with glass jutting out, bleeding, gate crushing the head of someone evokes a strong fear and repulsion. Later we are told of people walking with outstretched hands and not speaking anything because of shock also point in the same direction. **3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** He refers to Rizwan. Yes he is optimistic as he is taking it one day at a time in spite of the dire poverty and hunger that he is facing. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The person is hungry and has not eaten anything since morning and he had no money in his pocket to buy anything. He is physically tired and in mental distress as he had just landed a job which made it mandatory for him to collect five interviews. But still he is optimistic that he will be able to tide over the crisis. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The person here is educated but not permanently employed. He has just landed a job in the newspaper Kihaan on the precondition that he will have to submit five interviews with five different people. He is in the process of collecting these interviews to make his job permanent. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

**Points to be covered:**

Yes. The story takes a humorous turn. Point examples where the writer is trying to count himself out from all the liabilities. E.g. 1 He says he does not remember specifically taking money from anyone but then says such people may come to him in alphabetical order and he will write their names. E.g. 2. He does not want to the man who lent him 30 cents for soda. He specifically wants only to pay back that person who would have lent him money for a cab while going to Bermuda. **8 marks**