Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Second Term Examination (NES)**

**Std IX Duration: 1 hr 30 min Marks 60**

**Solve any six 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 10***

***“Well, keep me company but two years more …”***

1. To whom are these lines said? What will happen, if the speaker keeps company for two more years? How does Antonio react to this? 3
2. What has Bassanio wasted his money on, according to his own confession to Antonio? 3
3. How does Bassanio describe Portia? 4

***Question 2 10***

***“Mislike me not for my complexion, the shadowed livery of the burnished sun to...”***

1. Is Morocco proud of his colour? Justify with examples from the scene. 3
2. How does Portia react to this speech of Morocco? 3
3. What does this scene tell us about the character of Morocco? 4

**Section B- Poetry**

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

***Question 3 10***

***‘As I looked at him, I could see the large stain on his shirt all reddish brown from his…’***

1. What had caused the injury to the soldier? 3
2. Why does the soldier consider himself to be lucky? 3
3. Do you think that the soldier is defeated at the end of the poem? 4

***Question 4 10***

***“What do you weigh, O ye vendors?”***

1. How are vendors, maidens and pedlars different? 3
2. Who are mentioned in the previous stanza? What wares are mentioned and why are they displayed richly? 3
3. What is the message of the poem? 4

**Section C- Prose**

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

***Question 5 10***

***“He is still very young, plays around in the village”***

1. Who is being spoken about? What is his age? What does he also do? 3
2. Why did Kasim hurriedly leave without completing his conversation with Rizwan? 3
3. Were both Rizwan and Kasim sailing in the same boat? Justify 4

***Question 6 10***

***“Now he was away in the jungle…..”***

1. Where was Kunwar lying? In what condition? 3
2. What did the sight of the bear track make Sher Singh think? 3
3. Explain the symbolism of the title ‘Journey by Night’ 4

***Question 7 10***

‘A Hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.’ Justify this quote with the examples given in the text ‘India’s Heroes’.