Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 3**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) India’s Heroes 1) Stopping by woods Merchant

Of

2) The Last Leaf 2) The Professor Venice (Act III)

**Std X Set B**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “Past all expressing. It is very meet that Lord Bassanio...”**

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? What is past all expressing? 2
2. What should the behaviour of Bassanio according to the speaker? Why? 3
3. Explain the wager comparison about Portia expressed by the speaker? 3

**Q2) “Madam you have bereft me of all words, only my blood speaks to you…”**

1. Why does the speaker say he does not have any words? 2
2. How is his confusion described by the speaker? 3
3. What assurance does the speaker give at the end of this speech? 3

**Q3) ‘My little horse must think it queer, to stop…’**

1. What according to the narrator would his horse find queer? 2
2. Which are the other two sounds that can be heard? 3
3. Explain the message that the last stanza of the poem depicts. 3

**Q4) ‘Their husbands are very nice boys…’**

1. Who is being mentioned in the extract? Name them. 2
2. What is happening to the value structure according to the professor? Why? 3
3. Give examples from the poem to show that the poem is a mockery of Indian thinking. 3

**Q5) ‘Sue found Behrman smelling strongly of Juniper berries in his...’**

1. Describe the room of old Behrman 2
2. What fear did Sue share with old Behrman? 3
3. What was his reaction to this news? 3

**Q6) Kabir’s successful speech proves that the qualities required for a good speaker are not necessary for a great speech. Justify this statement in the light of the story. 8**