Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Horse and Two Goats, Abou Ben Adhem**

**Std IX-PPS Set C**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer Key**

1. In his prosperous days, Muni’s routine was to sally forth a flock of forty sheep and goats every morning to the highway, a couple of miles away. He would carry a crook at the end of a bamboo pole to snap foliage from the avenue trees to feed his flock. On reaching near a clay statue of a horse, he would sit on the pedestal while his cattle grazed around.
2. We can imply that the relations between people of Kritam and Kuppam are not cordial. According to Muni, people of Kuppam can go to any extent and will not stop at anything. He was also sure that his village has always had a clean record and the culprit must be definitely from the other village.
3. When Muni asked the red-faced man how many children he had , he replied a hundred. This is amusing because the foreigner was referring to the money that he was going to pay Muni for the horse and not his offsprings. Muni believes him and asks more questions about his children. This is one more instance of the humour caused due the misunderstanding between the two due to the linguistic differences.
4. Muni’s wife told him to buy a measure of rice or millet, dhall, chilly, curry leaves, mustard, coriander, gingelley oil and one large potato for the sauce. When he did not get the ingredients , his wife told him that he would not be getting any sauce or anything else as there wasn’t anything to prepare and he would have to fast till the evening which would be good for him.
5. The poet has compared the angel to a blooming lily. The moonlight which filtered into the room made it bright and the angel standing in the white light in its white robe made it look like a lily blooming.
6. Abou Ben Adhem was a pious human being who loved his fellow beings.He was the epitome of goodness and righteousness. Thus, in the above line the poet wishes that people like Abou Ben Adhem should increase in this world which is otherwise full of selfish and wicked people.

7. The poet has highlighted the virtue of ‘loving one’s fellow being’. Abou’s name was not in the list of those who loved God. He then tells the angel that his name should appear in the list of those who love his fellow men. It so happens that the next day the angel comes with the list of those whom God had blest and Abou’s name was right on top indicating that God loves those who love his people.