Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: If, The Inchcape Rock, A Diary of Nobody**

**Std VIII Set A**

**Marks 25 35 min**

**Question 1 (4 marks)**

***His heart was mirthful to excess,***

***But the Rover’s mirth was wickedness***

1. Why was Rover's mirth full of wickedness? What was he going to do? (2)
2. What does he do in the next stanza? Why? (2)
3. Rover’s mirth was full of wickedness because he was going to cut the Inchchape Bell. He wanted to do so because he was jealous of Abbot. This noble deed of tying a warning bell saved many sailors’ lives. Abbot had gained many praises due to this deed.
4. In the next stanza, he tells his men to put out the boat and row him to the Inchcape Rock. He wanted to cut the bell and plague the Abbot of Aberbrothok.

**Question 2**  **(4 marks)**

***When the Rock was hid by the surge’s swell,***

***The mariners heard the warning bell;***

1. What does the word 'Rock' refer to? How had the Rock been described in the same stanza? (2)
2. Who tied the bell to the Rock? What did it do? (2)
3. The word refers to ‘Inchcape Rock’. The rock is described as ‘perilous’ in the same stanza.
4. Abbot of Aberbrothok had tied the bell to the Rock. On the buoy, in the storm, the rock would float and swing. And over the waves, it would give a warning ring.

**Question 3.** **(8 marks)**

i. Who are impostors, according to the poet? How is one supposed to treat them? Why? (4)

ii. Why is a minute called 'unforgiving'? Which figure of speech has been mentioned? Why? (4)

1. Triumph and Disaster are impostors, according to the poet. One is supposed to treat them as equal or same. They are temporary in nature and one’s circumstances do change.
2. A minute is called unforgiving because the time that has passed will never come back. The figure of speech mentioned is Personification. It is because the human quality of being unforgiving is given to the minute.

**Question 4. (9 marks)**

1. Write lists under the following headings: Pooter’s friends, Pooter’s colleagues, Tradespeople and the name of his son. (4)
2. Mr Gowing must have took it by mistake…
3. Who is speaker of these lines? What is ‘it’ here? (3)
4. When did this incident take place? What happened a day before? (2)
5. Pooter’s friends: Gowing and Cummings

Pooter’s colleagues: Mr Perkupp, Pitt,Buckling,

Tradespeople: Farmerson- the ironmonger, Mr Putley- a painter and a decorator, Horwin- the butcher

Son: Willie

1. A. Sarah is the speaker of these liens. The word ‘it’ here refers to the stick that is the umbrella which Mr Gowing had taken away.

This incident took place on 6th April. A day before on 5th, two shoulders of mutton had arrived. Carrie had arranged with another butcher without consulting Pooter. Also Gowing fell over scraper again.