Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Scarlet Pimpernel (Chapter 12, 13)**

**Std VIII Duration: 30min Marks 20**

**Answer Key**

1. The title is relevant to the story as the suspense is about Percy’s whereabouts. Marguerite is in search of her husband and she has no idea whether he is alive or dead and which part of France he would be. She was scared and worried about him as his life was in danger. Chauvelin had come to know that he was Scarlet Pimpernel.

2. Yes. She confesses to Sir Andrew about betraying Scarlet Pimpernel. She didn’t want to lie as she wanted him to trust her completely. She knew that at that moment it was only Sir Andrew who could help her to save her husband and his leader i.e. Scarlet Pimpernel.

3. Jellyband’s ‘The Fisherman’s Rest’ was clean and tidy. The metal mugs on the dark wooden sideboard and the brass pans above the huge hearth shone like silver and gold. The red-tiled floor was as bright as the geraniums on the windowsill. The customers who arrived were of class and certain standard of grandeur.

On the contrary, the other inn Le Chat Gris was the dirtiest room Marguerite had ever seen in her whole life. In one corner of the room was a hearth with a weak fire rising from wet, smoky wood. The soup was dull grey mess, not a bit tempting. The loft had dirty tattered curtains hung over it and there were rickety set of steps leading to it. One stale smelling oil lamp lit the whole place, hanging high from the rickety rafters of a low ceiling.

4. Marguerite realised that it was dangerous for Sir Percy to be on French soil with Chauvelin closing in on him and also that there was very little time to warn her husband of the grave danger he was in. But she was confident, that when he comes to Le Chat Gris, they can explain him the situation to him and they all can go back to England. That’s when Sir Andrew shook his head sadly. He said that in the excitement she had probably forgotten that Sir Percy would never leave his people. He would sacrifice his life but not let them down who have complete faith in him. She immediately realised that he would never dream of abandoning those who placed their trust in him.

5. When Marguerite watched the white cliffs of Dover disappearing from view, she was at peace because she knew she was going to meet her husband soon. She was worried about his safety.

6. The Captain of the guard (page 5), the old woman (page 6),

7. The grey coast here refers to two things: One, the time before dawn where the dark sky is about to change into bright shades of the morning. Grey coast also means the horrendous situation that had overtaken the country of France.