Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**COMPREHENSION 1**

ANSWER KEY

Q1. i) menagerie – varied collection  
 ii) subsidy – support  
 iii) perpetual – forever

Q2.

i) The unfortunate condition of zoos in India is that they are not properly maintained.  
   
ii) Zoos are able to exist because people like them. The problem with having zoos in the middle of the city is that they do not have space to expand or even renovate.  
  
iii) Trivandrum and Lucknow are different from other cities because the people of these cities objected to the relocation of their zoos.

iv) Zoos keep up with their duty to entertain people by taking on additional expenditures to attract accommodate and contain them.

v) From the writers observation of zoos we can imply that maintaining zoos is a tough and sometimes harassing job. Also many zoos are not very well maintained.

v) Due to overcrowding of the zoos zoo managers are faced with sheer pressure simply because of the number of visitors and have to deal with the havoc they create by yelling and jeering. Apart from that they are also pressured from maintaining the animals who are stressed due to the indisciplined crowds.

Q3 NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF MISBEHAVING VISITORS AT THE ZOO

Zoo managers are tormented because of havoc created by large crowds. Some people come in all innocence to cause trouble. Others yell, screech, wave, throw objects and feed the animals. This causes stress to the animals and results in their ill health and early death due to shock or fright.

**COMPREHENSION 2**

ANSWER KEY

Q1. i) bred – grew up  
 ii) dare-devilry – boldness  
 iii) iota – tiny  
 iv) frenzy – madness  
 v) egged – encouraged

Q2.

i) It is unusual for the writer to think of becoming a mountaineer because he was born and bred in the mountains.  
   
ii) The rural sports stated by the narrator are carrying the iota on the head and running, and threading the needle.  
   
ii) The rural sports played by the narrator in school was the turning point that initiated her into the area of sport.

iv) The narrator took part in javelin throwing and shot put at college.

v) According to me, to become a good mountaineer one should be strong, well-educated, determined and have a love for the mountains.

Q3 FROM MOUNTAINS TO MOUNTAINEERING

There are guests who simply drop in and those who give advance notice. The author’s three friends, on their way to Agra, decided to visit the author first. She helped them list out the notable sights and on their return the recounted to her their escapades, but missed her cooking the most.