Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Chief Seattle, The Cold Within, Merchant of Venice**

**(Act 2 Scene 1)**

**Std: IX- NES Duration: 35 min Marks: 25 marks**

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

1. **Why, according to the Prince of Morocco, should Portia not detest him? (3)**

According to the Prince of Morocco, Portia should not dislike him for his complexion. He says that the dark complexion is given by the burnished sun to whom he is a neighbour. He calls this dark complexion as a shadowed livery.

1. **In what way does Morocco try to prove his bravery to Portia? (3)**

Morocco says that he would overstare the sternest eyes that looked at him. And outbrave the most daring heart on earth. He would pluck the young sucking cubs from the she-bear to prove his bravery. He would even mock the lion when he roars for prey to win her.

1. **What analogy does Morocco use to compare the condition of the caskets set by Portia’s father? (3)**

Morocco says if Hercules and Lichas play a game of dice to prove who is a better man, it is quite likely that the greater throw may come from the weaker hand of Lichas. In this way, Alcides (Hercules) can be beaten by his own page. Thus, the right casket can be chosen by a man who is unworthy of Portia whereas he would die of grieving.

1. **What did the first person notice? What did she do? Why? (3)**

The first person noticed that there was a black among the people around her. She held on to her log as she did not want to help a black person. Her racist attitude stopped her from contributing to keep the fire burning.

1. **What did the poor and the rich man think of each other? How did they prove it? (4)**

The poor man saw a rich man in the group. He hated the rich as he thought they were idle and had earned all the wealth only by exploiting the poor. On the other hand, the rich man was only thinking of the wealth in his store and wanted to protect it from the poor who, he thought, were lazy and lacked ambition. As a result, both of them held on to the logs each possessed instead of using them to save the fire.

1. **What are the views of the young men about revenge? How are they different from the views of the older generation? (3)**

The young look at revenge as some gain or profit even if they have to die for the sake of revenge. But the people of the older generation who stay at home in times of war know that there is nothing to gain. They understand that revenge only takes away their sons destroying life and property.

1. **Name the two tribes mentioned by Chief Seattle in his speech. How was their equation with Chief Seattle’s clan? What kind of support did Chief Seattle expect from the Whites with respect to these tribes? (3)**

Haidas and Tshimshians were the tribes from northward that Chief Seattle mentions in his speech. These tribes were their ancient enemies who would frighten their women, children and old men. The orator wants to protect his people from all kinds of evil and thus will accept the proposal of the Chief at Washington.

1. **Why does the orator say that if there was a common God, He was partial? (3)**

The orator says that if there was a common God, the condition of both the White man and the Red man would have been the same. Both would have been equally powerful and have equal rights. But that was not the case. The Whites were very powerful and went on capturing land in different countries whereas his people seemed to be like orphans and their number kept on receding. Thus he says that God is partial to the Whites.