Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 3**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) India’s Heroes 1) Stopping by woods Merchant

Of

2) The Last Leaf 2) The Professor Venice (Act III)

**Std X Set F**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Portia makes the statement to communicate to Lorenzo that it her usual habit to help people out and this was not out of ordinary thing that she had done. Lorenzo is trying to flatter Portia by praising her good action. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Portia believes that in good friends who spend a good amount of time together, converse a lot and whose souls bear an equal yolk of love; there is a great amount of similarity. They are similar in lineaments, manners and spirit.

**3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Portia says that if her guess about Antonio is correct then she has indeed paid a little cost to purchase the semblance of her soul Bassanio from out of the state of hellish cruelty. She believes si because she guesses that Antonio would be very similar to Bassanio as he is a bosom lover of him. **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** To Bassanio. In a room in her palace. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Portia had asked Bassanio to tarry a little time before he would hazard for choosing the caskets. She said that if he chose the wrong casket she would lose his company. She says that there is some feeling that tells her that she does not want to lose him but says that the feeling is not of love. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** Portia curses the naughty times as it is putting bar between the owners and their rights. Yes it is applicable in the case of them as she implies that Bassanio is the one who owns her but still is separated from her because of time. **2 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** The word ‘but’ shows a contrast arising. From the dream locate that he is currently enjoying, he has to move as her says that the promises he has to keep are very important. He gives it precedence over the enjoyment of the ambience. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The speaker takes the decision of not waiting to enjoy the beauty of nature around him. He decides to move ahead as he has to fulfil the responsibilities entrusted to him. He believes that fulfilling the role assigned to him is more important before he finally rests. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The lines’ Miles to go before I sleep’ are repeated to highlight the long journey he has to undertake. He is trying to tell that there are many things that he has to negotiate before he can finally rest. He is trying to also motivate himself by repeating the line to himself. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** Nicely is used by the professor to answer the question he had asked about the health of his ex-student. It highlights the unnecessary use of adverb that we Indians are used to making. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The above line refers to the ex-student of professor Sheth. He says that the ex-student was very thin like a stick but now is man of eight and consequence.

**3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The professor says that now the ex-student has become a man of weight and consequence. He calls it a good joke. In Indian context, a person who is fat is considered to be a man of impact. It is not actually a joke and I did not enjoy it.

**3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Sue is talking to Johnsy. Her profession is that she is an artist. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Johnsy suggests the idea that as the last leaf falls from the ivy vine she would die. Yes I think that the idea is nonsensical indeed as there is no logical connection between the falling of leave and the dying of a human being. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Yes I think the depression that is being referred over here has become common between the teenagers. Because of peer pressure, over competitiveness, comparisons, the younger generation is more prone to this kind of depression specially while facing ill health. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

Pointers for the answer:- The definition of a hero- Someone who shows unprecedented courage in the face of danger- Give two three examples from the story to substantiate the point Good examples would be Sandeep Unnikrishnan, Vishnu Zende, Sandra Samuel, . India commonly throws up such heroes when faced with adversity.