Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Nine Gold Medals, Old Man at the Bridge**

**Merchant of Venice (Act 1 Scene 1)**

**Std IX Set B**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

1. Where were the trucks heading to? Why? What is the response of the old man to this information? (3)
2. Which two things are called the only piece of luck for the old man that day? (4)
3. Name and describe the Greek general mentioned by Salerio. (2)
4. Explain the metaphor of melancholy as compared to a standing pond. (3)
5. In what two situations is silence commendable according to Gratiano? (2)
6. Explain ‘a strange story’ in Nine Gold Medals. Why does the poet call it strange? (4)
7. Name and explain the figure of speech given in the following line: (2)

*‘They came to the finish line holding hands still.’*