Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**SECOND TERM EXAM**

**Std IX-PPS (M) Duration: 1.5 hours Marks 60**

**SET B**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1 12***

***‘Signior Bassanio, hear me: If I do not put on a sober habit… ’***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? What request is he making? 2
2. What does Bassanio reply? 3
3. What according to Bassanio would be a pity? Why? 3
4. How does Gratiano assure Bassanio about decent behaviour at Belmont? 4

***Question 2 12***

***Shylock: To bait fish withal! If it will feed nothing else, it will feed my revenge***

1. What question is Shylock responding to? Who had asked the question? 2
2. Just before the extract, Shylock uses three words to describe his adversary. What are they? 3
3. What reasons does Shylock give in this scene for hating Antonio? 3
4. What according to Shylock has he learned from the Christians? 4

***Question 3 12***

***Until they are hypnotised by it… until they are absolutely drunk?***

1. Who are ‘they’ in the given lines? What does the word ‘it’ refers to? How is ‘it’ described in the poem previous to the lines mentioned above? 3
2. Which three solutions are given by the poet-speaker to keep children away from television? 3
3. What happened when the poet-speaker had been to someone else’s house? 3
4. Name and explain two figures of speeches in the given line: 3
5. It clogs and clutters up the mind.

***Question 4 12***

***His wings are clipped and his feet are tied…***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? What happens when he is in this state? 2
2. What does the caged bird sing of? How does it sing? 3
3. Bring out the symbolism in the line ‘and dares to claim the sky’. 3
4. What conflict is brought out in this poem? 4

***Question 5 12***

***The younger man roused himself sharply at the sound of her voice….***

1. Who is the younger man here? Did he know the lady? How? 2
2. How did the man react to her voice? Why? 3
3. Where would the young man not be in the near future? What did the other man answer? What was the reality? 3
4. Bring out the fact that ‘appearances can be deceptive from the story ‘Hearts and Hands’. 4

***Question 6 12***

***How he took them up in his arms, and blessed them…***

1. What do the words ‘he’ and ‘them’ refer to? 2
2. Who spoke these words? To whom? Why? 3
3. Which phrase does the speaker keep repeating? Why? 3
4. Justify the title ‘An Angel in Disguise’. 4