Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Horse and Two Goats, Abou Ben Adhem**

**Std X Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

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

1. What advantages did Muni have when he sat on the pedestal for the rest of the day? (4)

Muni could watch the highway and see the lorries and buses pass through to the hills. This would give him a sense of belonging to a larger world. The pedestal of the statue was broad enough for him to move around as the sun travelled up and west ward, or he could also couch under the belly of the horse, for shade.

1. What made the foreigner believe that the horse belonged to Muni? (2)

The foreigner thought that the horse belonged to Muni by the way he sat on its pedestal. The foreigner had observed how other souvenir sellers in the country presided over their wares.

1. Write two examples from the text which demonstrate that Muni’s fortunes had declined. (2)

In his prosperous days, Muni had owned a flock of forty sheep and goats which now had reduced to only two goats. Earlier, Muni would have millet for breakfast and lunch but now he survived on the drumsticks from the tree which grew in front of his hut.

1. What were Muni’s thoughts when the red faced foreigner presented his card to him? What did he wish at that time? Why? (3)

When the red faced foreigner presented his card, Muni thought it was a warrant to arrest him. He wanted to take all that was offered and run away. At that time, he wished he was younger so that he could run away.

1. What was the angel doing? What was the colour of the book? Why? (2)

The angel was writing the names of the people who loved God. The book was of gold as it was a divine book.

1. Was Abou Ben Adhem frightened to see the angel? Why? (4)

No, Abou Ben Adhem was not at all frightened to see the angel. Abou was a pious and holy man, who believed in not only loving God but also loving his fellow beings. He selflessly served people. Such human beings are always at peace and not afraid of anything.

1. Where was Abou’s name when the angel appeared the next night? Why? What message is conveyed by the poet in the end? (3)

When the angel appeared the next night, it had the list of the people whom God had blessed and Abou’s name appeared above all the other names in the list . Abou loved and served his fellow beings. The poet has conveyed the message that God loves those who love others.