Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: I know why the caged bird sings, Hearts and Hands, Merchant of Venice Act 2 Scene 3, Scene 4**

**Std IX Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer Key**

1. Jessica says it is a heinous sin to be ashamed to be her father’s child. She justifies it by saying that though she is a daughter to his blood, she is not to his manners. She wishes that Lorenzo keeps his promise and then she would become a Christian and his loving wife.
2. Launcelot is given a letter and a ducat by Jessica. A letter to give to Lorenzo and ducat to ensure that he does so.
3. Salerio reacts to Lorenzo’s suggestion saying that they had not even ordered torchbearers. Solanio says that it is vile to go about the masque unless it is quaintly ordered. He says that it is better according to him not to undertake a masque under such circumstances.
4. Launcelot is going to Shylock’s house after delivering the letter. He is inviting Shylock on behalf of Bassanio for the feast at Bassanio’s house.
5. The rays of the sun are yellow. Here the poet has said that the free bird dips its wings in the ‘orange sun rays’. He has used the ‘orange’ colour to establish a sense of freedom and happiness experienced by the free bird.
6. A caged bird has no freedom of movement. The cage is too narrow to walk freely. Moreover its wings are clipped and feet tied and is surrounded by bars which do not allow it to see the outside world, leading to frustration and anger.
7. The hearts here could be with reference to the hearts of the old friend, Miss Fairchild and Mr. Easton as well as the heart of the glum-faced man. The story clears establishes a close-relation between Fairchild and Easton, who meet after a long time. On the other hand, the glum-faced man has a heart of gold. When he sees the discomfort of Miss Fairchild at the sight of Easton being handcuffed to him, he intervenes to save the situation. He tells her that Easton is the marshal and he the prisoner. Though the hearts of Miss Fairchild and miss Easton are together he has to go away as his hands are tied up.