Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Merchant of Venice (Act 2 Scene 2, Scene 3, Scene 4)**

**Std IX Duration: 30min Marks 20**

**Answer Key**

1. Launcelot listens to the fiend which is encouraging him to escape from his master. The reasoning he gives is that, his conscience is a hard conscience to offer to counsel him to stay with the Jew. It is ironical that the conscience is telling him to stay with the devil whereas the devil (fiend) is telling him to escape from the devil (Jew). He says that the fiend gives him a more friendly advice and he would listen to it. The outcome is that Launcelot leaves the service of Shylock.

2. Launcelot tells his father to turn right at the next junction at the next junction of that to turn left. At the third junction, he is not supposed to turn anywhere as he would reach directly to the Jew’s house.

3. Gobbo finally realises that the young boy he is talking to, is Launcelot when

Launcelot says that his mother’s name is Margery. He also says that he is the Jew’s man. He swears that if Launcelot’s mother is Margery then Launcelot is his own flesh and blood.

4. Launcelot says that tears are preventing him from speaking. He calls Jessica as the most beautiful pagan and the sweetest Jew. He says that if a Christian does not play a knave and get her he would be much deceived.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Lorenzo says that he knows the hand of the person who wrote the letter. He says that it is a fair hand and is whiter than the paper on which it is written. 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.