Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

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

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

**Answer Key**

1. Launcelot informs his father that his son is deceased or has gone to heaven. He says that it is according to fates and destinies and such odd sayings and has been decided by the three sisters of fate and such branches of learning.

2. Launcelot replies to his father that he had set up his rest to run away and would not rest till he had run some ground. He says his master is a very Jew and does not deserve any present. Shylock indeed deserves a halter as he was famished in his service. He says that his father can tell every rib that he has with his finger. He finally says that he would become a Jew if he served the Jew any longer.

3. Bassanio enters at this juncture of the scene. Launcelot tells his father to go to him and request him to keep Launcelot as his servant. Bassanio gives rare new liveries and if Launcelot would not serve him he would run as far as there is ground.

4. Mini spoke about their sentry Ramdayal who didn’t even know to pronounce the word ‘crow’. She calls him backward. Later she talks about Bhola who was a servant and who had apparently told her that when elephants lift water with their trunks and spray from the sky it rains. She calls his speech as nonsense.

5. At the advice of her father to play with Bhola, Mini flopped beside the writing table close to the narrator’s feet. She then began to play a game of knick-knack with her hands and knees, rapidly chanting a nursery rhyme.

6. Kabuliwala was an Afghan street vendor. He was tall, shabbily clothed and wore a turban on his head. He had a bag over his shoulder and a few boxes of dry grapes in his hand and was passing through the street slowly.