Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 5**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) God lives in the… 1) Where the mind… Merchant

Of

2) Kabuliwala 2) The Inchcape Rock Venice (Act V)

**Std X Set E**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Lorenzo to Portia. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Portia instructs Nerissa to go inside the house and give an instruction to the servants. The instruction is they are not supposed to mention to Bassanio that They (Portia and Nerissa) have not been present in the house. This is because she does not want to hi to know that she disguised herself and was present at the court. She wants to confront Bassanio about the lost ring. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** It is dawn time. We know it as Portia mentions that the night seems to be sick for daylight. Later she also mentions it was pale and the day had started.

**3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** The word posy means the written message on a ring. Here it is mentioned as Gratiano retorts to Nerissa that the posy on the ring that she had given him was like cutler’s poetry upon a knife. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The speaker Nerissa says that when the ring was given Gratiano had promised to never pat away from the ring. He would preserve it till his death and it would be buried with him in the grave. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** The scene includes very witty play of words. Nerissa says that the clerk whom the ring was given to would never have beard on the face. She implies that the ring was not given to a boy but a girl. Gratiano assures her that if the boy grows up to be a man he will have beard. Nerissa retorts that a woman cannot become a man. All the way through we know that Nerissa (the clerk) will never have beard. Portia jumps into the conversation and says that it was not right for Gratiano to give the ring away so easily. She says that her husband Bassanio would never do that. It is done the presence of Bassanio and evokes laughter. He rather wishes to have his hand cut off than face Portia. **4 marks**

**Q.3**

**Ans i)** The Abbot did this as he was aware of the impending danger to the sailors from the Inchcape rock. They would lose their lives by dashing against it. To avoid the risk to their lives he tied a bell on the buoy so that the ringing of the bell would warn the sailors about the presence of the rock. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** The bell was tied to the buoy which was in turn tied to the rock. It was expected that when the rock would be hidden by the swelling of the high tide, at that time the bell would ring and warn the sailors. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** In this part of the poem the sun is shining brightly. The atmosphere was joyous and the sea birds were merrily wheeling around. Even their sound was a happy one. Overall it seemed to be a good and cheerful day. **3 marks**

**Q.4**

**Ans i)** There are two simultaneous comparisons that are drawn here. The clear thinking full of reasoning is compared to a clear stream. It can be compared to the stream on account of the flow of thoughts, their clarity and their productivity. On the other hand meaningless rituals are called dead habit and compared to an unproductive, barren desert. We should not allow the clarity of thoughts to be replaced by dead tradition. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** Our mind should be led by God into bigger though and bigger action. We should do things that have a big positive impact on the world. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** A society that does not have the evils that the poet is mentioning. That society will be a heaven according to the poet. These evils include lack of self- esteem, lack of educational opportunities, barriers that we have created among ourselves based on caste, religion, gender, class etc. Also we have to aim high, work hard, let reasoning and truth dominate and perfection be the goal. A society that can inculcate these things would be ideal indeed. **3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Samjhu Sahu awoke at daybreak. He found that the purse which contained the money and was tied to the waist was gone. Also running to the cart he found that the tins of ghee which were carefully stored were also gone. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Samjhu and his wife attacked Alagu verbally like mad dogs. They claimed that they were sold a dead beast by Alagu and still he had the guts to ask for the money. They said being Banias they were aware of the true worth of things. Finally they advised Alagu to use their bullock for two months instead of one month that they had used his bullock. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** On a particular day Sahu’s tongue was unusually sharp in criticism of Alagu and Alagu too lost his temper. Sahu went into his cottage to fetch his lathi and his wife took to the battlefield with her abuses. But Alagu attacked her unexpectedly and she escaped to the confines of her room. Meanwhile a huge crowd had gathered and on their advice the matter was referred to the panchyat.**3 marks**

**Q.6)** When Rahmat was released from the prison, he came to the house of the narrator the very next day. He was told to leave the house as there was a wedding in the house. Disappointedly he began to leave the house, but hesitated, asking if he could meet Mini for a moment. He had brought grapes and raisins in a packet for her. Again the narrator insisted that he leave due to festivity in the house. He was a little hurt and saying a bye began to leave. Turning around he came and handing over the grapes and raisins to the narrator asked him to give it to Mini. When the narrator was about to pay him for it he refused and spoke about his daughter back in Afghanistan. He also showed the paper that had the impression of the hand of his daughter to narrator. The narrator felt guilty and asked for mini to be brought to the study. When she arrived Rahmat was confused as he had expected the Mini of the old to emerge. It hadn’t struck him that she had grown up now. The old joke of going to in laws’ place also didn’t work out and she turned shy and left. Then the apparent fact that his daughter would have grown up too dawned on Rahmat. He would have to begin his relationship with his daughter right from scratch added to the disappointment. These were the series of disappointments that Rahmat had to face. **8 marks**