Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**ENGLISH Paper- 1**

**Set B**

***(Two hours)***

**ANSWER KEY**

Q3) a) i) proferred- hold out or put forward to something for acceptance

ii) offhandedly- without a previous thought or preparation

iii) grimace- an ugly, twisted expression of disgust or pain on a person’s face

iv) blotchy- patch, covered with spots, uneven

v) doggedly- stubborn determination

b) i) Other name for the talisman is the Monkey’s Paw. It was an ordinary little paw, dried to a mummy. It had a spell put on it by a fakir who wanted to show that those who interfered with fate did so to their sorrow.

ii) The family listened to the sergeant-major eagerly or with eagerness as he had been to distant parts and spoke of wild scenes, wars, plagues and strange people. Another reason was because he mentioned ‘magic’ when he spoke of talisman and lastly because he was going to narrate the second instalment of his adventures in India.

iii) The fakir put a spell on the paw as he wanted to show that those who interfered with fate did so to their sorrow. It was the kind of spell with which three separate men could each have three wishes from it.

iv) When Morris was asked about the monkey’s paw, he dismissed the question offhandedly as he was aware about the mischief it had caused and did not want to worry the White family.

Precis:

c) The Talisman was an ordinary little Monkey’s paw which was dried to a mummy. It had a spell put on it by an old fakir as he wanted to show that those who interfered with fate did so to their sorrow. Three separate men could each have three wishes from it and the first man’s third wish was for death.

Q4) A) 1) had been 2) had written 3) to seek/seeking 4) spent

5) remains 6) met 7) had gone 8) was shot

B) i) at ii) to iii) in iv) up

v) in/up vi) from vii) in viii) in

C) i) He who arrived spoke French very fluently.

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ii) She told me that he had been working there for fifteen years.

iii) If you don’t remember a speech, you many make one up.

Unless you remember a speech, you many make one up.

iv) As they were his enemies, they swore revenge on him.

(Alternate answers: since, because, therefore, for)

D) i) We need to imbibe not only integrity but also accountability in the young

generation.

ii) He had not been invited otherwise he would have come.

iii) No sooner did the sun rise than the fog dispersed.

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iv) She died in her youth.

v) If you don’t walk quickly, you will miss the train.

vi) He persevered too steadily to not succeed at last.

vii) The air of the hills is cooler than that of the plains.

viii) He tells her that he wants to leave the country that night.