Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**ENGLISH Paper- 1**

**Set B**

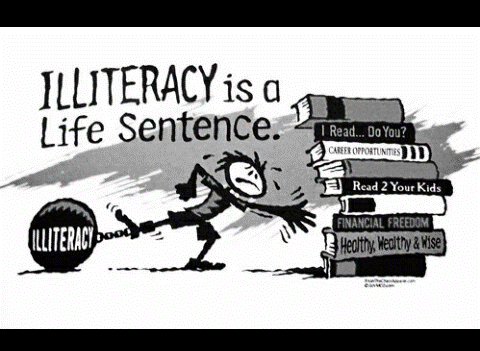
***(Two hours)***

**Question 1 [25]**

***(Do not spend more than 35 minutes on this question.)***

**Write a composition (350-400 words) on any one of the following:**

1. Write a story with the beginning: 'I was waiting to confess the truth when…’
2. You were to go for a picnic from school However, you woke up late and missed the picnic bus. You decided to catch a private bus and reach the picnic spot. Narrate the entire event, how you felt, the effort you made to contact school, and how you finally reached the spot. What did you learn from this experience?
3. Maximum deaths are caused by traffic rule violators, who should be punished severely. Express your views on the subject.
4. Write a composition on how advertisements affect children.
5. Study the picture given below. Write a story or a description or an account of what it suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it; however there must be a clear connection between the picture and your composition.



**Question 2 [10]**

***(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question.)***

**Select any one of the following:**

1. The games period is being utilised to complete portion. Write a letter to your Principal requesting her to do something about it. Give reasons for your request and suggest in which the teachers would get extra time without touching the games period.
2. You had gone for a holiday to a hill resort. A sudden snowstorm disrupted the power supply and blocked the roads. You were stuck there for a few days. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience.

**Question 3 [15]**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Tony Fernandes is synonymous with Air Asia. At the age of 36, he quit as vice-president of Warner Music Group in Southeast Asia and purchased, with three partners, ailing Malaysian airline Air Asia. As CEO, he has used a combination of low costs, low fares and an open and informal management style to turn it into Asia's biggest low-cost carrier.

Tony is candid, friendly and outspoken. When he came up with the idea of purchasing the airline, he told his wife 'I really believe in this.' He felt there was a huge untapped market in Asia - millions of people wanted to fly but could not afford it. Here is Tony's account of his recipe for success.

`Many friends cautioned me. They told me I would fail. I simply told them this: If I fail, I fail. At least I won't be sitting and saying, when I am 60 years old, "I should have tried".'

Tony spends a lot of time speaking at schools, encouraging kids to pursue their own dreams. 'I tell them it can be done. Look at me, there's nothing special about me. You've just got to believe in yourself. You don't have to be connected to a politician. You don't have to have money. You just need to believe that you can go out there and do it.'

`Don't be frightened of failing because then you'll never start and if you fail, try again,' he advises. At Warner, Tony had spent a fortune on Malaysian singer Zainal Abidin's second album which flopped. `That didn't stop me from pushing on with my work, my dreams.'

He is always delighted when he receives a lot of letters from people saying that he has inspired them, that they are going to try something different. `That really spurs me on.'

Don't be afraid of making mistakes. If you don't make mistakes, you'll never learn. But when you do mess up, be the first to admit it. Don't try to cover yourself. Once in a while I do this too. For example, when I insisted Air Asia fly from Kuala Lumpur to Penang four times a day, even though Malaysian Airlines flew the same route 12 times a day. He realized he couldn't compete against the buses. The buses pick you up and drop you off right in the middle of each city. They get people to Penang faster. With airlines, one has to go to the airport and then back from the airport to the city. I just said, 'Sorry guys. I messed up. It's my fault, I was wrong.' I even said sorry to my pilots when a merit system for awarding bonuses to pilots backfired. The pilots were unhappy and made no secret of it. They really appreciated my apologies.

As a manager, you have to be accessible. I talk to everyone - my staff, our passengers, the media. If you just sit in your office, you don't know what is going on. Every day in the office, I set aside two hours to spend with the staff. I walk around, go to the baggage handling area, see what's going on, joke around. Accessibility helps you earn the confidence of people around you. It makes them feel they can talk openly and without fear. They should have the freedom to say `This is wrong.' Being accessible means being open. At the end of the day, human relationships are about openness, trust and transparency.

When I was growing up, my parents wanted me to be a doctor like my father. After my failing in physics and chemistry due to zero work for my A levels, my parents realized they couldn't force me to do anything I didn't want to. My first love was always music and my dream was to own a record company. But I'm realistic. I knew I could never raise enough money to compete with the likes of Warner and Sony. So, no matter what you love, you've got to be a realist.

Also look beyond the money when you pursue something. It's nice to have money. I like the nice things money can buy. But I am not doing this for money. I was paid a fortune at Warner but I left. The big kick for me is using money to help others. There are a lot of smart people who never got the chance to go to school, so I sponsor cadet pilots. Money is just a by-product of what I do.

**(a) Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage: [3]**

(i) ailing

(ii) untapped

(iii) backfired

**(b) Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:**

(i) What was Tony's statement when he informed his wife about buying the airline? Why was he interested to buy the airline? **[2]**

(ii) Why shouldn't one be frightened of failing? What was Tony's stand when he lost money on Zainal Abidin's second album? **[2]**

(iii) State the reason why Air Asia could not maintain its flights to Penang four times a day? **[2]**

(iv) Explain in your own words Tony's important cautionary words when one wants to pursue his or her dreams? **[3]**

(v) Why does Tony believe that one should be a realist? **[3]**

**Question 4**

1. **Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]**

Sue Thomas is a fashion designer. She (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) clothes ever since she (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a young girl. She (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) her first job in a clothes factory when she was sixteen. She (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sew) buttons onto a shirt one day when she (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a brilliant idea for a design. After she (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to her bank manager, she got a loan and she (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (open) her own little workshop. Now she (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (make) lots of money.

1. **Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word: [6]**
2. Please attend \_\_\_\_ this matter immediately. It is urgent.
3. You should not put \_\_\_\_\_\_ doing something until the very last minute.
4. He is sure to come \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I pour water over his head.
5. He doesn’t approve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our plans.
6. Wilson says that he aims \_\_\_\_ winning.
7. Is this the book you spoke \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday?
8. “Oh, we can cook” assured Mary, “but only \_\_\_\_\_ a fashion.”
9. He looked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a quiet girl.
10. They are \_\_\_\_\_ us in this matter.
11. I was far \_\_\_\_\_\_ pleased to see her again.
12. Read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lines.
13. He suggested that we start \_\_\_\_\_ the party with some singing.
14. **Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and, but* or *so*: [8]**
15. He is that man. We gave the money to him.
16. You confess your fault. Then I will forgive you.
17. Aditi couldn’t speak the truth. She was shocked.
18. Rohini will go to play. She must finish her homework.
19. It is raining very heavily. I should carry my umbrella.
20. Run away. You will be caught.
21. I went to the sanctuary. I saw a lion and a tiger there.
22. The trek was not enjoyable. It was not easy.

**d) Re-write the following sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence. [12]**

1. The mother said to the son, ‘The earth goes round the sun.’ (Begin: The mother told…)
2. He is a great player and loves children very much. (Use ‘Not only…. ’)
3. The boys were making a lot of noise. (End with ‘….the boys.’)
4. Children should study hard to pass the examination. (Use ‘so that’)
5. Do they believe in God? (Use ‘existence’)
6. Nitin is the youngest member in the family. (Use ‘young’)
7. Only he can answer this question. (Use ‘none’)
8. We had not even walked a mile and they stopped us. (Begin: Hardly…)
9. I am sure that what you say is quite true. (Make negative)
10. She dances very well. (End with ‘…!’)
11. A large crowd was in pursuit of the chain-snatcher. (Rewrite using the appropriate verb form of ‘pursuit’)
12. The miracle tree grows very quickly. (Use noun form of ‘grow’)