Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**THIRD TERM EXAMINATION (NES)**

**Std VIII Set A**

**Marks 80 2 hrs**

Note:-Attempt **ANY** five questions from Q.1-Q.6

Last Question is compulsory.

**Question 1.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***And we’re off at last for the northern part…***

1. Who is ‘we’ here? Where are they going? Mention the stations. [3]
2. Who gives the signal? How? Where was he all the while? [3]
3. What delights are there for the passengers of the train? [3]
4. Is Skimble’s job a tough or an easy one? Justify with the examples from the poem. [4]

**Question 2.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***‘Will ye not come home brother? Ye have been long away,’***

1. Who is referred as ‘brother’? Who is speaker of these lines? Where is the ‘home’? [3]
2. Which month is mentioned in the next month? What does its onset symbolize? [3]
3. How does the poet feel when he hears the west wind? Why? [3]
4. Mention the sights and sounds that tempt the poet homewards. [4]

**Question 3.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***I remember the night my mother… He risked the rain again…***

1. Who does ‘he’ refer to? Why did he come inside the house? Where did he hide? [3]
2. Which word is given to describe the tail? What does it mean? [3]
3. Explain the phrase ‘peace of understanding’ [3]
4. Who is sceptic and rationalist? What did he try? Why? [4]

**Question 4.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***My mother came out, looked at the man and asked…***

1. Whose mother is being spoken about? Who is the man here? What did she ask? [3]
2. What did the man reply? Was it unusual? Justify. [3]
3. Mention about the three ‘guests’ and their demands at the doorstep. [3]
4. How was the mother’s disposition? Give two examples. [4]

**Question 5.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***Those who return alive from the forbidding heights….***

1. Whom does the word ‘those’ refer to? Which forbidding height is being spoken about? Why?[3]
2. Why is normal life virtually impossible? [3]
3. What is the full form of WCF? What kind of provision is provide? Is it enough? [3]
4. What is the condition of those people who return alive? [4]

**Question 6.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***‘People must keep calm. People are people. They could not keep calm.’***

1. Why people didn’t keep calm? [3]
2. How did people react? What did they do? [3]
3. What did the doctor do? What did they find? [3]
4. Does this story reflect upon our society? Elaborate. [4]

**Question 7.**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

***“Well, keep me company but two years more …”***

1. To whom are these lines said? What will happen, if the speaker keeps company for two more years? How does Antonio react to this? [3]
2. How does Bassanio describe the uselessness of Gratiano’s speech? [3]
3. Why should melancholy not be used as a bait? [3]
4. How does Bassanio describe Portia? [3]
5. What has Bassanio wasted his money on, according to his own confession to Antonio? [3]