Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Wall,**

**Whose place is it anyway,**

**Std VIII-PPS Set B**

**Marks 30 40 min**

**Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

***Question 1***

***‘Two years have passed since then, and my life has been lonelier than ever.’***

1. ***What does the word ‘then’ refer to? Who is the speaker of these lines? Where are they spoken? (2)***
2. ***Mention what happened two days ago? (3)***

***Question 2***

***It was nearly one o’clock when Holmes returned from his excursion…***

1. ***Where had Holmes been to? Why? (3)***
2. ***What information did he get there? (2)***

***Question 3***

1. ***Why are polar bears declining? (1)***
2. ***Explain the term: ‘borrowed time’ (1)***
3. ***Which animals are mentioned in the first stanza? (4)***

***Question 4***

***What message does the speaker convey in the last stanza of the poem? (4)***

***Question 5***

1. ***How have the coaches contributed in Dravid’s life? (2)***
2. ***Who are the other people to whom he conveys his gratitude? (3)***

***Question 6***

***And I have no doubt that I will take great pleasure in watching you achieve great things***

1. ***Who is ‘you’ here? What does he hope from the Indian cricket team regarding the field? (3)***
2. ***Name the three cricketers mentioned by Dravid in the text. Where would he and his father look for information about their cricket performances when he was young? (2)***