Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAM**

**Std IX-NES Duration: 1 hour 30 min Marks 60**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

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

***Question 1 12***

***“I am as like to call thee so again...”***

1. Who is ‘I’ here? Whom are these words spoken to? Why does the speaker use the word ‘again’ in his dialogue? 3
2. How does Bassanio react to the bond? What does it show about Bassanio’s character? 3
3. What does Shylock accuse Antonio of, regarding the latter’s behaviour with the former? 4
4. How does Antonio comfort Bassanio about this insecurity? 2

***Question 2 12***

***Was not that letter from fair Jessica?***

1. Who spoke these lines? To whom? Where does the scene take place? 3
2. How does Lorenzo understand that Jessica had written the letter? 3
3. What are the contents of the mentioned letter? 4
4. Where is Launcelot going after delivering the letter? 2

**Section B- Poetry**

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

***Question 3 12***

***“Lustrous tokens of radiant lives, for happy daughters and happy wives”***

1. Who is the narrator of the poem? What are they carrying? Where are they going? 3
2. How have they described these tokens in the previous lines? 3
3. Why are some bangles compared to buds? What do they symbolise? Bring out the comparison.

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1. What kinds of bangles are suited for the women mentioned in the last stanza? What is the significance of these colours? 3

***Question 4 12***

***“The shaft of beauty, towering high…”***

1. What does the person plant who plants the tree, in the second line of the first stanza? Why is it called so? 3
2. Why does the poet call the tree a ‘heaven anigh’? 3
3. How does a person who plants a tree plant a forest’s heritage? 3
4. What does the poet mean by the term ‘growth from sea to sea’? How is this term relevant to the poem? 3

**Section C- Prose**

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

***Question 5 12***

***‘What animals were they?’ I asked.***

1. ‘Who is the speaker here? What was he doing there when he said this? 3
2. Which animals are mentioned by the other man? 3
3. Why did the narrator ask the other person regarding politics? 3
4. Where were the trucks heading to? Why? What is the response of the old man to this information? 3

***Question 6 12***

**How does Chief Seattle compare Red Indians and Whites to different elements of nature?**