Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Bangle Sellers, My Greatest Olympic Prize**

**Std: IX-JK Duration: 30 mins Marks: 20**

**Answer Key**

1. Shining loads, rainbow tinted circles of light, these bangles are adorned by young cheerful women are the metaphorical expressions that given to the bangles in the first stanza. The narrator says the bangles symbolize radiant lives of ‘happy daughters and happy wives’.
2. Silver and blue and pink bangles are suitable for a maiden’s wrist. The silver and blue colours are compared to a mountain mist. The pink bangles are compared to the buds that are found on the peaceful banks of a stream flowing in a forest.
3. The bride’s heart is full of contrasting emotions on her wedding day. On one hand, she is very happy to enter into a new world of her spouse. Her heart is filled with passion and desire. On the other hand, she is also sad that she has to leave the comfort and protection of her parents’ house and the company of her siblings and friends. The tinkling sound made by the numerous bangles she wears and their lustre are like her laughter soothing and illuminating. Whereas the tender and clear texture of her bangles is like tears.
4. Nationalistic feelings were at an all-time high during the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. Hitler childishly insisted that his performers were members of a ‘master race’. He meant that the German Aryans were superior to all other ethnic races. As other countries wanted to prove this theory wrong thus nationalistic feelings were at an all-time high.
5. No. Jesse did not tell Luz what was eating him. Jesse was disturbed by the thought of not qualifying for the finals and making a fool of himself.
6. After their conversation was over both friends realised that a real friendship had been formed. It was ironical that both would compete against each other the next day and would try to beat the other Jesse knew that Luz wanted him to do his best even if it meant his winning.
7. ‘My Greatest Olympic Prize’ does not refer to the gold medal won by Jesse. It refers to the invaluable friendship that he was able to forge with Luz Long. Jesse realized that without the moral support of Long he would not have been able to qualify for the final in the long jump event. But the friendly gesture of Long removed the doubts that Jesse had because of the racial superiority theory floated by Hitler. The friendship forged as a result is called by him as his biggest achievement in Olympics.