Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: If, The Inchcape Rock, A Diary of Nobody**

**Std VIII Set B**

**Marks 25 35 min**

**Question 1 (4 marks)**

**Quoth Sir Ralph, ‘The next who comes to the Rock**

**Won't bless the Abbot of Aberbrothok.'**

1. What does the word 'The Next' refer to? What had happened to the Bell? (2)
2. What does the Rover do in the first two lines of the next stanza? (2)
3. The word ‘Next’ refer to the sailors. The bell sank down with a gurgling sound and the bubbles rose and burst around.
4. The Rover sailed away from the Scotland shore and he scoured the seas for many a day.

**Question 2**  **(4 marks)**

***‘My men, put out the boat,***

***And row me to the Inchcape Rock,***

1. Which boat is being referred to? Why does he want to go to the Inchcape Rock? (2)
2. Mention four archaic words from the text and it's modern English meanings. (2)
3. Ralph refers to the life-boat. He wants to go to the Inchcape Rock to cut the Bell from the Inchcape Float.
4. Four archaic words are- blest, hath, canst, methinks, curst (Any 4)

**Question 3.**  **(8 marks)**

i. Give the paraphrase of the first stanza (4)

ii. Name and explain the figures of speech in these lines. (4)

1. With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run…
2. If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you…
3. The poet suggests that a person should keep calm and be cool even if others around you are losing their patience, getting angry and blaming at you. At times in life we have to have a strong sense of faith in ourselves even though others doubt us. And at the same time we should allow them to express their doubt and give importance to their doubt too. We should try to find out the reason behind their doubt. The next piece of advice is about patience. How one should not be tired of waiting. One should not lie even if others have lied about you. Sometimes we will meet people who will hate us yet you don’t have to hate them but at the same time you don’t have to show that you are too good or too wise and look artificial. In short one should be expressive but careful too. Not show off or be artificial.
4. a. Alliteration – Starting sound of ‘sixty’ and ‘seconds’ is repeated.

b. Antithesis- Opposite words ‘trust’ and ‘doubt’ are given in the same line

**Question 4. (9 marks)**

1. Write lists under the following headings: Names of Pooter’s friends, Pooter’s colleagues, Tradespeople and his son. (4)
2. And he shouted out at the top of his voice, so that all the neighbours could hear
3. Who is ‘he’ here? Why was he shouting? What did he do then? (3)
4. Why did he come back again? (2)
5. Pooter’s friends: Gowing and Cummings

Pooter’s colleagues: Mr Perkupp, Pitt,Buckling,

Tradespeople: Farmerson- the ironmonger, Mr Putley- a painter and a decorator, Horwin- the butcher

Son: Willie

1. a. He here is the butcher who blackguarded Pooter. He was shouting to abuse Pooter as Pooter had discontinued with his services. He shouted at the top of his voice so that all the neighbours could hear.

b. He came back again as he had cut his foot over the scraper and was going to immediately bring an action against Pooter.