Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Heart of the Tree, Merchant of Venice**

**(Act 1 Scene 3)**

**Std IX- NES Set B**

**Marks 25 30 min**

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

1. In the first stanza, what all does he plant who plants a tree? (3)
2. How does the poet explain the process of regeneration in the second stanza? (4)
3. What does the poet mean by the term ‘growth from sea to sea’? How is this term relevant to the poem? (3)
4. Which term in the poem refers to the ‘next generation’? What will they see? How will they react? (3)
5. ‘And years that fade and flush again’ Name and explain the figure of speech given in the line. (2)
6. What is Shylock’s response to Bassanio’s invitation for dinner? (3)
7. How does Shylock convince Antonio to sign this bond? (3)
8. What analogy does Shylock give Antonio to justify charging of interest? (4)