Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Boy’s Best Friend, The Ant-Lion, The West Wind**

**Std VIII-NES Set A**

**Marks 25 35min**

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

**Q.1 Give meanings: (4)**

a. spasmodic b. frantically c. fluting d. squeaking

**Q.2 Make sentences: (4)**

a. obstinate b. spindly c. programmed d. monotonous

**Q.3 Reference to context (6)**

“*We have something for you, Jimmy…”*

**a. Who is the speaker of this line? How is he related to Jimmy? (2)**

Ans: The speaker is Mr. Anderson . He is Jimmy’s father .

**b. What has the speaker bought for Jimmy? Where is it now? Describe it. (4)**

Ans: The speaker has bought a real dog for Jimmy. It is at the rocket station and would be brought home after all tests were over. It was a Scoth terrier puppy and is real and alive.

**Q.4 Reference to context (5)**

*“Will ye not come home, brother?”*

**a. Who is calling the brother home? Whom does the word ‘brother’ refer to? (2)**

Ans: The west wind is calling the brother home. The word brother refers to the poet, John Masefield.

**b*.* Which figure of speech is dominant throughout the poem? Name and Explain with an example (3)**

Ans: Personification is the figure of speech that is dominant throughout the poem. Personification means to give a human quality to an inanimate object. The west wind which is an inanimate object is given the human quality of speaking.

**Q.5 Reference to context (6)**

***“****Now we’ll see some sport…”*

1. **What does the word ‘sport’ refer to, here? Why? (3)**

Ans: The word sport means competition/fight. As the meat-ant was even bigger than the ant-lion there was going to be a tough fight between the two.

1. **What did the meat-ant do after it was pushed down with a twig? (3)**

Ans: After the meat-ant was pushed down it hesitated and began to struggle up against the slope. The ant slipped, staying in one place. It was growing tired, but it was clearly in a panic; its legs worked frantically.