Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Merchant of Venice (Act 3 Scene 1)**

**Std: X-SSRVM Duration: 30 min Marks: 20**

**Answer the following questions based on their weightage:**

1. **What is called unchecked? Why? (2)**

**Ans:** The news that Antonio had a richly loaded ship and it is wrecked on the narrow seas is called unchecked. It is because there was no confirmation about drowning.

1. **What is Solanio’s reaction to the news of Antonio’s ship drowning? How does he continue the comparison started by Salerio? (3)**

**Ans:** Salerio personifies ‘Report’ and calls it a lady who gossip. Solanio wishes that this ‘Report’ can be compared to any lying lady who has ever knapped ginger or made her neighbours believe that she wept for the death of a third husband.

1. **Why does Solanio say that he should use the word ‘amen’ immediately? Explain the context. (3)**

**Ans:** Solanio wants to say ‘amen’ immediately otherwise there is a chance that the devil may cross his prayer. He notices Shylock coming and calls him a devil is coming in the likeness of the Jew.

1. **How does Salerio highlight the difference between Shylock and his daughter? (3)**

**Ans:** When Shylock remarks that his daughter is his flesh and blood, Salerio says that there is more difference between his flesh and Jessica’s flesh than is between jet and ivory. There is more difference between their bloods than there is between red wine and white Rhenish wine.

1. **What will Shylock not do to Christian intercessors? (3)**

Ans: Marks given by default.

1. **What are the reasons given by Shylock in this scene to hate Antonio? (4)**

**Ans:** Shylock says that Antonio had disgraced him, hindered him half a million, had laughed at his losses and mocked at his gains. He had scorned his holy nation, thwarted his bargains and had been cold towards his friends and warm towards his enemies. He did all this, only because Shylock was a Jew.

1. **What news does Tubal give Shylock about one of the creditors of Antonio? (2)**

**Ans:** Tubal tells Shylock that one of the creditors showed him a ring which he received from Jessica in exchange of a monkey. It was a turquoise ring.