Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

Std X Test: The Bet, Kabuliwala

Set B Marks 20 Duration: 30 min

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

**Q1) Describe the fifth year of confinement of the lawyer? 3**

In second year the piano fell silent and the prisoner asked only for classics. In the fifth year the music was audible again and the prisoner asked for wine. He was seen through the window doing nothing but eating, drinking, lying on his bed frequently yawning and angrily talking to himself. He did not read books. Sometimes he would write for hours in the night and tear up all that he had written in the morning. More than once he could be heard crying.

**Q2) What was the state of mind of the prisoner in the last two years of his imprisonment? Justify?** 3

The reading that the prisoner did in the last two years suggested a man swimming in the sea among the wreckage of his ship. It seemed as if he was trying to save his life by greedily clutching first at one spar and then at another.

**Q3) What led to the decline of the fortune of the banker? 3**

Desperate gambling on the Stock Exchange, wild speculation and excitability had led by degrees to the decline of his fortune. The proud, fearless, self-confident millionaire had become the banker of a middling rank trembling at every rise and fall in his investments.

**Q4) Mention the conditions after the banker left the house with the intent to murder the lawyer? 3**

At three o’clock at night, the only noise that could be heard was the rustling of the chilled trees. It had been dark and cold in the garden. The rain had been falling and the damp cutting wind had been racing about the garden, howling and giving the trees no rest. On straining his eyes he could neither see the earth, nor the white statues nor the lodge or the trees.

**Q5) What fact irritated the narrator at the approach of the kabuliwala? 2**

Kabuliwala was approaching towards their house and he would show up in a moment. The narrator wouldn’t be able to finish writing the seventeenth chapter of his novel. This fact irritated him.

**Q6) What was the foundation of the strong bond between the narrator and Mini? 3**

Mini was a chatty girl who likes to talk all day long. The narrator was a good listener to his daughter and found it unbearable to see the girl mute even for an instant. It is this curiosity to listen to his daughter that made their conversation a feisty one.

**Q7) What was the state in which Rahamat would be in January and February? How did it change his schedule of meeting Mini? 3**

Every year in January or February, Rahamat would go back to his home country to visit his family. As he was a money-lender too, he was unusually busy during this period collecting dues from his clients before the trip. He had to rush from house to house to raise the collectibles. No it didn’t change his schedule and he would find time to visit Mini.