Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 4**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) The Bet 1) Small pain in… Merchant

Of

2) Journey by Night 2) In the Bazaars of… Venice (Act IV)

**Std X Set A**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Duke is the speaker. Venice a court of justice. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** According to the speaker, the Duke the world thinks as he does too that the malice shown is only to pretend. It will be shown till the last hour of the act and then will be replaced by mercy and remorse which would be much more than the malice visible. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The last action to happen at the end of the scene is that Bassanio gives his ring to Gratiano to give it to Portia. It sets up the base for humour that would be incited in Act 5 when Portia would notice that the ring was missing and would create a scene.  **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Antonio. To Duke. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The speaker Antonio is satisfied at knowing that the Duke has forgiven half of the wealth Shylock and instead will only charge a small fine. He requests the Duke to allow him to use the other half till shylock is alive and after Shylock’s death he would give it to Lorenzo. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The speaker Antonio wants Shylock to embrace Christianity. He also wants Shylock to sign a gift deed according to which whatever he dies with, should be given to Lorenzo and Jessica.  **3 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** Laldwani. Small tribal village, around which was their cultivation. Maidan where they grazed their cattle, thorn branch hedges, and burnt grass land surrounded it after which the forest started. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** No medical facilities available. Nearest hospital was at Kalaghat 50 miles away. People of the village would try that out only after their home remedies failed and usually took the patient to the hospital in a very serious situation.

**3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Hospital was the last resort of the doomed according to the villagers. When Sher singh heard that word from his mother he knew that Kunwar was dying. The nearest hospital was at Kalaghat 5o miles away from Laldwani. **3 marks**

**Q.4)** i) Either of the sides with proper Justfication. **8 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Richly means that the merchandise is displayed in an eye catching manner. The merchants have displayed the goods in their shops in a very attractive way.

**2 marks**

**Ans ii)** India is portrayed as a land which is rich in culture and heritage. A land where we had a lot of versatility in art, taste, dressing sense, games etc. The market is shown to be very colourful and buzzing with different people and activities. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The poet Sarojini Naidu wants the poem to sound like a casual conversation. She wants to introduce a variety of things from the market place and has deliberately chosen the rhetorical questions to make the poem sound interactive.

**Q.6)**

**Ans i)** The soldier finds is strange that in spite of the sun shining brightly he is feeling cold. To explain this unusual happening he is giving these reasons.

**2 marks**

**Ans ii)** They were a group of 200 soldiers who fought tirelessly day and night. The battle lasted trough they night and as they cleared the crest the night exploded. All the soldiers were dead except this soldier who considers himself lucky to have escaped alive. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The speaker wanted aid after the explosion as he was injured. He saw dead bodies lying on the ground and deep craters in the earth. **3 marks**