Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 5**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) God lives in the… 1) Where the mind… Merchant

Of

2) Kabuliwala 2) The Inchcape Rock Venice (Act V)

**Std X Set H**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

Attempt ***any five*** out of the six questions

**Q1) “No woman had it, but a civil doctor…”**

1. What does the word ‘it’ refer to? Who was the civil doctor? 2
2. Why had the speaker parted away with ‘it’? 3
3. What will Portia do if ever the doctor comes near her house? 3

**Q2) “So dot the greater glory, dim the less”**

1. Who is speaking these lines? To Whom? 2
2. What is the comparison given by Portia just before this speech? How does the comparison come about? 3
3. What is Portia’s reaction to the music around? 3

**Q3) ‘On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung…’**

1. What does the word ‘it’ refer to? Why did ‘it’ float and swing? 2
2. Give an example of Alliteration in the following stanza. Explain. 2
3. How did the weather change during the return journey of Sir Ralph? In contrast how was it earlier 4

i) The word ‘it’ refers to the bell. It floated and it swung in the storm as it was tied to a buoy.

ii) surges’ swell: Starting sound ‘s’ is repeated.

iii) Before cutting the Inchcape Rock the weather was beautiful. The sun was shining brightly and all things looked joyful. When he was on his return journey, the weather changed drastically. A thick haze spread over the sky. Even the sun was not visible. Wind had blown as a gale the entire day but in the evening it had died away.

**Q4) ‘Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high…’**

1. What does the word ‘where’ refer to? 2
2. Which walls are harming the nation? 3
3. How can the countrymen strive for and achieve perfection? 3

i) The word ‘Where’ refers to a condition. By repeating the word, the poet tries to paint an idealistic picture of India that he wants to see.

ii) The narrow domestic walls can harm the nation by creating divisions among people and destroying the unity and integrity of the nation. If these walls exist then our focus would be on sorting out these differences rather than on our progress. These walls should be destroyed or dismantled as keeping these walls will divide the nation and weaken it.

iii) The poet says that countrymen will achieve perfection through rigorous and

persistent efforts and interminable struggle. He knows that perfection is not easy to gain. However, with tireless striving one can hope to come near our destination of perfection.

**Q5) ‘God’s punishment has overtaken Alagu for his treacherous conduct.’**

1. How had God punished Alagu, according to Jumman? 2
2. Explain: ‘treacherous conduct’ 3
3. Had Alagu really betrayed Jumman? Justify. 3

i) Jumman reasoned that the bullock had died because God’s punishment had

overtaken Alagu for his treacherous conduct.

ii) Alagu had betrayed Jumman by letting the aunt win the case against Jumman after Alagu had become the head-panch.

iii) No. Alagu had not betrayed Jumman. Alagu was only carrying out his duty as a head panch. He had to be fair and just and give the right decision irrespective of his personal feelings.

**Q6) ‘Friendship knows no age difference and no distance’. Explain the aptness and the irony of the given quote with help of the story ‘Kabuliwala’.**  **8**