Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**First Semester Examination**

**Std IX Set B**

**Marks 80 2 hours**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

**Section A- Drama**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 1 16***

***“You need not fear, lady, the having any of these lords…”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Name the ‘lords’. 3
2. How is the appearance of the English lord described? 3
3. Why does Portia call the Scottish lord as having a neighbourly charity? 3
4. What information about suitors does Nerissa share with Portia in this dialogue? 3
5. What is Nerissa’s formula for ideal happiness? What example does she give to substantiate it? 4

***Question 2 16***

***“Mislike me not for my complexion, the shadowed livery of the burnished sun to...”***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? Where does the scene take place? 3
2. Explain:- The shadowed livery of the burnished sun 3
3. Is Morocco proud of his colour? Justify with examples from the scene. 3
4. How does Portia react to this speech of Morocco? 3
5. What does this scene tell us about the character of Morocco? 4

**Section B- Poetry**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 3 16***

***“But give me your sun from yonder skies!”***

1. Who is ‘me’ here? How was he welcomed in the beginning of the poem? 3
2. How was the surrounding affected by the overwhelming welcome of the hero? 3
3. Bring out the significance of the ‘sun’ that the speaker in the poem wanted to ask for from his people? 3
4. Bring out the optimism depicted at the end of the poem? 3
5. The speaker’s state undergoes a transition. What is the transition? In how much time did the transition take place? 4

***Question 4 16***

***‘And to the presence in the room he said’***

1. Who is ‘he’ here? Which other words are addressed to the presence? Mention any two archaic words with their meanings from the poem? 3
2. What has the poet compared the angel to? Why? 3
3. What happened the next night? What did the angel show Abou? 3
4. How did Abou Ben Adhem react when he heard the angel’s answer? What does this tell us about him? 3
5. Name and explain figure of speech in the following lines: 4
   1. Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace
   2. Nay, not so

**Section C- Prose**

**Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

***Question 5 16***

***‘What animals were they?’ I asked.***

1. ‘Who is the speaker here? What was he doing there when he said this? 3
2. Which animals are mentioned by the other man? 3
3. Why did the narrator ask the other person regarding politics? 3
4. Where were the trucks heading to? Why? What is the response of the old man to this information? 3
5. Which two things are called the only piece of luck for the old man that day? 4

***Question 6 16***

**How does Chief Seattle compare Red Indians and Whites to different elements of nature?**