Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**FIRST TERM EXAMINATION**

**Std VIII-NES Set A**

**Marks 80 2 hrs**

Note:-Attempt **ANY SEVEN** questions from Q.1-Q.8

Last Question is compulsory.

**Question 1**

***When I heard the astronomer where he lectured…. 10***

* + 1. Who is ‘I’ here? Whom does he refer to? Where is the lecture taking place? [3]

1. How contrasting is the lecture for the speaker and the others? [3]
2. Mention the two figures of speech in the following line: [4]

In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time;

**Question 2**

***‘He did not know the names of the months of the year’***  ***10***

1. Why? Who is ‘he’ here? According to the narrator, what is a startling piece of news? [3]
2. Who comes to take his salary? Why? What was ‘his’ profession? [3]
3. Explain in brief how this story is a satire. [4]

**Question 3**

***‘What does it matter to me, if they can write...’ 10***

1. Who does the word ‘me’ refer to? Who are ‘they’ in the poem? Why is the speaker not bothered? [3]
2. What is the ‘brunt’ which the poet is talking about? [3]
3. Explain: ‘My pack of unruly hounds’. To whom does he call so? Why? [4]

**Question 4**

***“Maintaining Robutt isn’t cheap, either,”…*** ***10***

1. Who is the speaker? Whom are the words spoken to? Why? [3]
2. Where is the guest? How long have they not seen him? [3]
3. How did Robutt get its name? Mention two points how Robutt is different from the real dog? [4]

**Question 5**

***‘What is your crest, by the way? 10***

1. Mention the two crests and the reason why there are two? [4]
2. How much money Bertie had in his pocket? Which other things were scattered on the seat beside him? [3]
3. Which parts of the story show us that it was written and is set in the past? [3]

**Question 6**

***‘When the night comes, to lie down in peace….’ 10***

1. What has the poet expressed in the sentence that comes immediately after this? [2]
2. Who are envied? [3]
3. Explain: stranger’s shell [3]
4. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? Mention the reason. [2]

**Question 7**

***‘I am sorry,’ said I ‘but the matter cannot be delayed’ 10***

1. Which ‘matter’ is mentioned in the story? Why is the speaker sorry? [3]
2. What happened when the friend’s name was mentioned? [3]
3. Which details, not including the revelation that he is a murderer, create the impression that Culverton Smith is an unpleasant person? [4]

**Question 8**

***‘It’s song to a man’s soul, brother, fire to a man’s brain.’ 10***

1. What does the word ‘its’ refer to? [2]
2. How is the west land described in this stanza? [3]
3. Explain the line ‘fire to a man’s brain’ [2]
4. How differently is the word ‘warm’ mentioned in the poem? [3]

***Question 9***

***“Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action…” 10***

i. Who is ‘thee’ in the poem? To whom is the poem addressed? [3]

ii. What has the poet expressed in the line previous to this one? [3]

iii. Explain: ‘knowledge is free’ [4]

***Question 10 10***

1. What is the ‘sandy-hour glass’? What would it remind Salarino of? [2]
2. What is meant by ‘I am Sir Oracle’ and ‘let no dog bark’? [2]
3. Give meanings of: [6]
4. Plucking the grass to know where sits the wind
5. And other of such vinegar aspect
6. Do cream and mantle like a standing pond