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 B**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Lorenzo says that it was a similar night when Jessica stole from her wealthy father, the Jew and escaped. She ran away with an unthrift love from Venice and came as far as Belmont. Thus he introduces their story with the legends. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Stephano enters at this stage of the scene. The message that he brings along is that his mistress (Portia) would be there at Belmont before the break of day. He adds that she does stray about the holy crosses, where she kneels and prays for happy wedlock hours. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Jessica says that on that kind of a night, Thisbe fearfully over-tripped the dew. Though she wanted to see her lover Pyramus, she saw the lion’s shadow. Seeing this, she ran away dismayed. **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** They are sitting in the garden outside Portia’s house in Belmont. They are looking at the sky and waiting for the return of Portia. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Elizabethans believed that the movement of the planets creates harmonious music. The motion is compared to an angel singing and still quiring to the young eyed cherubins. We cannot hear this music though as our soul is covered by the muddy vesture of our body. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Jessica does not like the sound of music as she is not conditioned to enjoy music. She lives in the sober house of Shylock. We had seen earlier in Act II that Shylock instructs her not to allow the noise of shallow foppery enter her sober house. **3 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** The bell was tied to the buoy which in turn was tied to the Inchcape Rock. Whenever the buoy swung vigorously due to storm or high waves its warning rung above the waves. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The Abbot expected this action would help the sailors save their lives. Yes , his belief held true as whenever the rock was hidden by the surge of waves the warning was heard by the sailors due to the movement of the bell. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** At the start of the poem the overall ambience was very calm indeed. There was no stir in the air or sea and the ship was still. The waves moved gently. The sun was shining gaily in the heaven, things were joyful and the sea birds were screaming joyously. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** The world should not be broken into fragments by the narrow domestic walls according to the poet. These walls are distinctions that we make ourselves because of caste, religion, language, region, gender and such considerations.

**2 marks**

**Ans ii)** ‘Knowledge is free’ speaks about the spreading of education to all sections of the society. It should be freely available to all Indians irrespective of their caste, gender, religion. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** ‘Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection’ is an apt example of personification. Here striving (hard work) is given the dual human quality of being tireless and having and stretching its arms. **3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Mini ran to the window to call out to Kabuliwala. The street vendor from Afghanistan Rahmat had come. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Mini was playing a game of knick knack with her hands with her hands and knees. She was chanting a nursery rhyme. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Mini had perhaps been told that the sack that Kabuliwala carried had children that he had kidnapped. He would kidnap them and carry them in the sack. If the sack were to be opened several living children would be found in it.

**3 marks**

**Q.6)**

**Points to be covered in the answer:-** Jumman’s and Alagu’s friendship. The basis of it- Jumman’s tiff with his aunt- her threat to go to the panchayat- her canvassing for support- going to Alagu’s house- the first panchyat- Alagu the head panch-keeps the friendship aside to give the right decision- They nurse a grudge against each other and turn enemies- Alagu buys a pair of bullocks- one dies- suspicion on Jumman- other bullock sold to Samjhu- he is to pay a month later- he overworks the bullock which also dies – the second panchayat- Jumman the head panch- still gives the right decision- Both of them are able to keep away their emotions- In the case of Alagu his friendship and in case of Jumman his anger and enmity to give a fair decision- the villagers believed that the Panches could never give a wrong decision as God lived in the hearts of Panches and directed their judgment. **8 marks**