Vikram ’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 2**

**Short Stories Poems Drama**

1) My Lost Dollar 1) Sonnet 14 Merchant

Of

2) Hunger 2) A Doctor’s Journal… Venice (Act II)

**Std X Set F**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Gobbo the listener says that it will be a hard way to find. He then asks the speaker about his son Launcelot’s whereabouts. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Launcelot calls the old man’s son as Master Launcelot despite the old man saying that he is a poor man’s son. Then he claims as decided by the three sisters of fate Launcelot is dead. Then he asks his father if he does not recognize him. And finally says that Launcelot had been murdered. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Gobbo is initially not ready to believe that the man talking to him is his son. Finally when Launcelot says that he is the son of Margery does the old man accept. **3marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Gratiano is the speaker of these lines. He is talking to Salerio. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Lorenzo apologizes for coming late. He says that his affairs had delayed him and assures his friends that when they would play a thief for their wives then he would be patient with them too. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** According to Jessica holding on to the heavy casket that she has thrown down from the balcony is worth the pains. The casket contains jewels and gems and as they have planned to escape it would stand them in good stead to carry it. **3marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** the dollar was bought on 8th April. Todd was leaving for Bermuda then and wanted a dollar in change to pay the cab. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** In the note from Bermuda Todd had written that the temperature was up to nearly 100. This figure confused the narrator and he was also disappointed not to find his dollar in the note. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Todd lived for three weeks in Bermuda. The final leg of his journey was covered by train. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

Though Rizwan and Kasim are shown at the opposite side of the spectrum they are indeed sailing in the same boat. Rizwan claims to be a journalist but at the same time also seems to be representing the government as he tries to convince Kasim to take a loan from the bank or talks about arranging land for cultivation. Kasim is a responsible breadwinner for his family and has an old father to take care of and a son who is only five years old. He talks about the problems like starvation and disease they are facing. He talks about sleeping hungry too on the day of the procession. He is not willing to talk much to Rizwan and leave the conversation midway to hunt for customers. Rizwan too is bound by the same hunger to Kasim. His mother was ill, father had died two years ago and two younger brothers had to drop out of school due to financial constraints. He is desperate to get a permanent job and in the process interview five people. While going back home the same insecurity and hunger haunt Rizwan too as was visible in the case of Kasim. Both of them seem to live lives parallel to each other. They are separated by education but many things in their lives are common too. **8 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** The poet wants to be loved only for the sake of love. She is aware that people love for the other attributes like looks, way of talking thought process etc. But she wants to be loved for love’s sake only. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** People usually fall in love because of external attributes. They can be the smile of the person, the looks, the gentle way of speaking or the frequency of thought. Sometimes the people fall in love because they pity the other person who is in tears. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Yes. I do think that the poet is being idealistic. That is because to cultivate love for love’s sake is not human nature. Humans do get attracted by beauty, smile, way of talking or impressed by someone’s thoughts. To only have love as the reason for loving is idealistic indeed. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

**Ans i)** The poet took time to understand why the people were walking with outstretched hands. Yes he did realize it eventually that had they walked normally the friction of their wounds and burns on the skin would have increased the pain they were in. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** The parade mentioned here is a blank parade. That is because people seemed to be walking aimlessly and in a silent fashion. **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** The poet is dismayed about the fact that he notices a woman and a child standing in his way and both of them are naked. As a result of further thinking he manages to understand that some strange thing had caused the clothes of people to perish. **3 marks**