Vikram’s English Academy

**Test: Dreaming of Dawn Wall, The Inchcape Rock**

**Std- VIII Marks 20 Duration: 30 min**

**Answer Key**

**Answer the following questions with reference to context.**

1. “Soon it became clear that the young boy had a talent....”   (4)

a. Who is 'the young boy'? Which talent is being spoken about? 2

Ans: The young boy is Tommy Caldwell. The talent of climbing mountains is being spoken of.

b. How did his father help him? 2

Ans: Tommy’s father helped him develop the skill by encouraging him and taking him on climbing trips.

2. “The next day he tried again....” (6)

a. Who is 'he' here? What did he try again? What happened instead? 3

Ans: ‘He’ here is Kevin Jorgeson. He tried climbing the notorious pitch 15 but failed and remained there for ten days. His spirits were low but still kept trying. Finally on 9th January he was able to move ahead with his climbing partner Tommy.

b. How did he feel? Which date was a turning point for both? Why?  3

Ans: Kevin’s spirits were low. 9th January was a turning point as Kevin was able to make through the pitch 15. It is a turning point as Tommy had thought that he would have to go without Kevin, but Kevin was successful.

3. And row me to the Inchcape rock… (4)

a. Who is 'me' here? Whom is the listener spoken to?  2

Ans: Sir Ralph is ‘me’ here. His men/the sailors.

b. Why does the sentence begin with and, what else the speaker wanted?  2

Ans: He wanted his men to put out the boat and he wanted to plague the Abbot of Aberbrothok.

4. So dark it is... they see no land… (4)

a. Where is Rover? Where is he going now? 2

Ans: Rover is on his ship near the Inchcape Rock. He is going back to the Scotland shore.

b. Name and explain the figure of speech: 2

“Down such the Bell with a gurgling sound”

Onomatopoeia- sound gurgling

5. Give 4 points that show the change in the weather before and after the Bell is cut.  (2)

No stir in the air and the sea, the ship, its sails and the keel are steady too. The waves are flowing without any shock and they are rising and falling very little and not moving the Inchcape Bell. The Sun in the heaven was shining gay, everything was joyful on the day. The sea-birds screamed as they wheeled round, there was joyaunce in their sound. After the bell was cut, a thick haze has overspread the sky, they cannot see the sun on high, the wind had blown all day and the evening it had died away. It was very dark and they couldn’t see the land. Sir Ralph quoted that it would be lighter soon and there will be dawn of the rising Moon. The swell of the waves is strong, the wind had fallen but they drift along. (Any 4 points )