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 F**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Portia to Gratiano. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** According to Portia, Gratiano is to blame to part away with his ring so easily. The ring had been given to him by Nerissa as her first gift with lot of love and also an oath that he would not part with it. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Bassanio reacts after this speech. He says it would have been better for him to cut away his left hand and say that he lost the ring when he was defending it. **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Portia and Nerissa are arriving earlier. They will be followed by Bassanio and Gratiano. Lorenzo plans to go inside and arrange an elaborate welcome for them. But then later he changes his plan and plans to stay out and call the musicians out to welcome them. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** The sky is described as the floor of heaven with thick inlaid patents of gold. It is said that all the planets while moving in the sky create their own harmony for the angels. But we are unable to hear it as we are unable to hear the music of the soul due to our dirty uniform of body.  **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The listener Jessica react by saying that she is not happy when she hears sweet music. It is because in the sober house of Shylock music is not encouraged and in fact shunned. Jessica is not trained since childhood to enjoy music. **2 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** Sir Ralph the Rover fixed his eye on the darker speck. He wanted to cut off the bell so that the sailors could not warned inn future about the presence of Inchcape rock. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** After seeing the buoy, sir Ralph became happy as he had envisioned a plan to cut off the Inchcape bell. His mirth was hidden in this malicious plan. This would stop the praise heaped upon the Abbot and perhaps even swell his profits. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** He instructs his men to lower the boat and row him towards the Inchcape rock. He then bends down from the boat and cuts off the bell from the buoy. As a result the bell sinks down the ocean bed. **3 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** Head held high means that a person should retain his self-esteem. Yes it had a symbolic meaning for Indians. We were ruled then by the British whose presence had drained away all self-belief in our own values and culture. It was important to then lift up our spirits. **3 marks**

**Ans ii)** Narrow domestic walls are the barriers that we have created between ourselves in the country. It includes the difference of caste, region, religion, language, class and even gender bias. This wall has prevented India from realizing the potential that it was capable of. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** According to the poet words should always originate in the depth of truth. Whatever we say must be true in the best of our knowledge. **2 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** The narrator is describing the possibility of Rahmat kidnapping mini. His wife had the apprehension and he says very less likely is it to happen. 2 marks

**Ans ii)** The sight of a gigantic Afghan man Rahmat, sitting in a dark corner of his house with his baggy shirt and customary sack would instill fear in the mind of narrator. But when he noticed the talk between the two friends and their familiar laughter he would be reassured. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** One of the narrator’s neighbour was indebted to Rahmat for a Rampuri shawl. Rahmat went to collect his dues on a day and the neighbour denied the debt. First an argument broke out between them and then in the heat of the moment Rahmat stabbed him with a knife resulting in his death. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

Jumman had entered into an agreement with his aunt. The agreement ensued the land of his aunt wan transferred to him and in return he was supposed to maintain his aunt for life. But after the registration of the deed Jumman and his wife started insulting the aunt which made her go the panchayat for redressal. The aunt chose Alagu as the head panch and this overjoyed Jumman. He expected that Alagu being an old friend would rule I his favour. But this expectation was belied when Alagu understanding the responsibility of a Panch decided the case on merit and the judgment went against Jumman. From then on Jumman nursed a grudge against Alagu and waited for an opportunity to strike back. He got the opportunity when he became head Panch to decide the case between Alagu and Samjhu Sahu. When he donned the cap of Head Panch he realized that he was expected to do justice and he should have no personal feelings of his own. The responsibility that he got made him realize what Alagu would have gone through when he was a head Panch. He also understood that Alagu had decided the case not based on any bad intention but on the merit of the case. He did the same when he ruled in favour of Alagu. Getting into the shoes of Alagu, he was able to realize his folly and rectify it in time. **8 marks**