Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: A Face in the Dark, After Blenheim**

**Std: IX- Euro Duration: 30 min Marks: 20**

Answer the following questions based on their weightage:

1. What was the uniform of the students? What did a magazine name this school? Name the magazine. (2)
2. How was Mr Oliver different from most of the people? (2)
3. Was there any difference in Mr Oliver’s voice while asking the miscreant the second time? Why? (3)
4. What happened after the boy looked up? (3)
5. Which particular category of people does the poet say was killed? Why does he mention them? (4)
6. What was Wilhelmine’s reaction to the description of the battle? What did Kaspar say ? (4)
7. Who brought the skull? Where was it and how is it described? (2)
8. The students wore blazers, caps and ties, Eton of the East. Life magazine.
9. The eerie sounds made by a strong wind would keep most of the people to the main road. But Mr. Oliver was not the nervous or imaginative kind who would get frightened at such sounds.
10. Yes, first when Mr Oliver asked he was sharp as it was not the time for the boys to be out. As the boy didn’t answer anything, Mr Oliver mellowed down and realised that the boy must have been in some serious trouble and his anger way to concern.
11. After the boy looked up, the teacher saw that the boy did not have any face. It had no eyes, no ears, nose or mouth. It was just a round smooth head with a school cap.
12. The poet particularly mentions women who had just given birth as well as the new born babies. He mentions them because he wants to bring out the futility and evil nature of war. The poet cites these examples to highlight that not only soldiers but also the common people were slain in the battle.
13. Old Kaspar described the horrors of the battle and also told his grandchildren about the praise that was showered upon the heroes of the battle who had massacred thousands and defeated the enemy. Little Wilhelmine reacted by saying that it was a very wicked thing referring to the praise given for so much of killing that had happened. But Kaspar told her that it wasn’t wicked at all. In fact such consequences were a normal part of war and that particular battle was a very famous one.
14. Peterkin brought the skull. He had found it beside the rivulet while playing. It was large and round in shape.