Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Second Semester Examination**

**Std IX Set C**

**Marks 80 2 hours**

**Solve any five of the given questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

***Question 1 16***

***‘Here, catch this casket, it is worth the pains…’***

1. Who is the speaker of these lines? Which ‘casket’ is being spoken about here? What does it contain? 3
2. Why does the speaker say that she is glad? What example does she give? 3
3. What is Jessica’s reaction when she is told that she must be a torch-bearer? 3
4. What does Lorenzo apologise for on his arrival? What does he assure his friends? 3
5. What is a ship compared to by Gratiano? Why? 4

***Question 2 16***

***‘To signify th’ approaching of his lord;’***

1. Which lord is being spoken about? Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? 3
2. Which analogy does the servant give to reinforce his point? 3
3. Which quote is mentioned just before the servant enters? Explain. Who says those lines? 3
4. What does Portia remark after the exit of Arragon? 3
5. Who is the fore-spurrer of the lord? What fear is expressed by Portia? 4

***Question 3 16***

***‘Around me-in the garden now- and, weird…’***

1. Who is ‘me’ here in the above lines? What is described ‘weird’ by the narrator? 3
2. Where was the narrator at the start of the story? What happened later? 3
3. What happened when the doctor and his wife stepped out on the street? 3
4. What do the words like ghosts, scare-crows and the dumb indicate? 3
5. Mention any 2 qualities of the doctor showcased in the poem. Justify with the lines given in the poem. 4

***Question 4 16***

***‘Only, this is price of old age…’***

1. What is the price of the old age? 3
2. What benefits did the Professor have due to ‘sound habits in youth’? 3
3. What joke is talked about here? Is it really a joke? 3
4. What does the speaker want to convey when he says, “Both have cars”? What does it convey about the Indian society? 3
5. ‘I am Professor Sheth.’ Expain the irony of the sentence focussing on his profession and his beliefs. 4

***Question 5 16***

***‘I make no difference in my demeanour to them….’***

1. Which list has the narrator added Todd to? How many people are there in that list? How does he treat the people in this list? 3
2. What painful thought comes to the narrator’s mind at intervals? 3
3. Which other three hints were given by the narrator? 3
4. What does the narrator ask the people to whom he owes money to do? What would he do in return? 3
5. At what point in the story does the narrator provide a twist? 4

***Question 6 16***

**Justify the title of the lesson ‘God lives in the panch’.**