Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Nine Gold Medals, Old Man at the Bridge,**

**Merchant of Venice (Act 1 Scene 1),**

**Std IX Set A**

**Marks 20 30min**

**Answer the following questions according to their weightage:**

1. Describe the bridge and the contrasting image visible there. (4)
2. Mention the ‘various animals’ the old man had and the symbolism associated with it. (3)
3. How are Antonio’s vessels described by Salerio? (3)
4. Why is people’s opinion compared to fool gudgeon? (2)
5. What was the most important concern that Bassanio had? (2)
6. What is compared to the runners in the line ‘so did the runners’? Why? (3)
7. Explain the term ‘dashed in the dirt’. What else does it signify? (3)