Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Dreaming of Dawn Wall, B. Wordsworth and Skimbleshanks**

**Std VIII Set B**

**Marks 25 35 min**

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

**Q.1 Give meanings: (2)**

a. endure- to patiently put up with something painful or difficult

b. significant- important

c. distil- to extract the essence of something

d. rite- a religious or solemn ceremony

**Q.2 Make sentences: (2)**

a.hospitable b. rogue c. constellation d. attributes

**Q.3 Reference to context (7)**

*‘She said to me, ‘Stay here and*

*watch him while he watches the*

*bees’. The man said “Thank you, Madam.*

*You have done a good deed today.”*

a. Cite two evidences that show the relationship between the mother and the son. (3)

b. Describe the poet’s house and the trees in his yard. (3)

c. Mention the name of the writer and the name of the book. (1)

1. When Wordsworth asks the boy if he liked his mother, he replies that he does only when she doesn’t beat him. In another incident, we have seen that the boy was hit quite badly and he swears that he would never go back.
2. The poet lived in a one-roomed hut in Alberto Street. It had no more furniture than George’s front room but it looked cleaner and healthier. But it also looked lonely. There were different trees in the yard. It seemed all green and there was a big mango tree, coconut and a plum tree. The place looked rather wild as though it wasn’t the city at all.
3. V.S.Naipaul and the name of the book is Miguel Street.

**Q.4 Reference to context (8)**

*When Tommy was fourteen, they went to Europe*

*and climbed Mont Blanc and Matterhorn.*

a. Whom does the word ‘they’ refer to? Mention his contribution in Tommy’s life. (3)

b. What happened when Tommy was twenty-two years old? (3)

c. What is the name of this lesson? Mention the name of the state and the country of this geographic feature? (2)

1. Tommy’s father encouraged Tommy to develop his talent and would take him on climbing trips. When Tommy met with an accident, his father helped him to work on making his hands stronger than ever before.
2. When Tommy was twenty-two years old, Tommy and three other climbers were in Kyrgystan climbing in the Pamir Alai mountain range when they were shot at and then captured by Uzbekistani rebels. After six days of being held hostage, Tommy managed to overpower a guard and get free. The four climbers had to trek 29 km before they found help.
3. Dreaming of Dawn Wall. California, USA.

**Q.5 Reference to context (6)**

*Oh it’s very pleasant when you have found your little den*

*With your name written on the door*

*And the berth is very neat with a newly folded sheet*

*And there’s not a speck of dust on the floor.*

a. Mention four more facilities in the train’s cabin. (2)

b. Mention the stations in the correct sequence and what does the Cat do at each station? (2)

c. Name the figure of speech. (2)

*Do you like your morning tea weak or strong*

*He gives one flash of his glass-green eyes*

1. There is a light that can be made dark or light, handle that you can turn to make a breeze, funny little basin where you can wash your face in, and a crank to shut the window if you sneeze
2. Crewe- walking up and down the station

Carlisle- greets the stationmaster with elation

Dumfries- he speaks to the police

Gallowgate- the passenger is helped to descend from the train easily

1. *Do you like your morning tea weak or strong- Antithesis*

*He gives one flash of his glass-green eyes- Alliteration*