Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**ENGLISH Paper- 1**

**Set A**

***(Two hours)***

**ANSWER KEY**

Q3) a) i) mallet- hammer with a large, wooden head

ii) dissolving- close down,

iii) comprehend- to understand, to grasp mentally

iv) sneak off- leave secretly

v) beckoned- to communicate non-verbally or with actions, gesturing

b) i) The old gardener is the tutor mentioned in the text. He knew Mumtaz’s father since long and was aware that he was a broadminded man.

ii) Mumtaz likes the excitement and speed. Her father was a bit surprised and wanted to know the reason as to why was Mumtaz excited to learn as it was meant for war.

iii) The arrangements that he had made for Mumtaz’s education at home during that ear as many girls could not avail it.

iv) Akbar wanted to wind up the game quickly as twilight set in and he could no longer see in the fading light, the ball was too tiny and he did not want sunset to decide the fate of the game and also the dome of the mosque was dissolving quickly.

v) They both loved the game of Chaugan and they were equally disappointed when the game had to be ended abruptly as it got too dark. The difference was that the emperor could play but Mumtaz could only watch. Emperor playing it as it was meant to train soldiers for battlefield. While, Mumtaz liked it for its speed and excitement.

Precis:

c) Mumtaz and her father had a friendly relation. He was a broadminded man and wanted his daughter to be educated. Though, she loved her father she was hesitant sometimes. She was glad to have such a caring father who granted her wish of playing Chaughan. Mumtaz respected her father. He was also very liberal unlike the society in those days.

Q4) A) 1) was 2) had come 3) trudged 4) crooked

5) toiling 6) were blowing 7) were dragging 8) were

B) i) at ii) to/with iii) after iv) down

v) for vi) up vii) down viii) to

C) i) As the parcel is too heavy Rubina cannot carry it

(Alternate answers:- because, since, being )

ii) It is only at Kedarnath that local eateries offer vegetarian food. **Or**

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iii) After teaching the class the teacher went home.

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iv) Looking him over, Sania tried to judge his abilities. (Alternate answer: After, by looking him over)

D) i) The king was so glad that he made peace.

ii) For Christmas the house in not only decorated with colourful paper chains, leaves of holly and mistletoe but also attractive greeting cards are received.

iii) It was raining heavily but all the employees were present

iv) Let us order you to sit down.

v) His speech must be listened to by us.

vi) Karan told his father that he had invited him on business.

vii) Very few things in the world are as pleasant as going on a trip.

viii) He conducted the programme like an expert.