Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 4**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) The Bet 1) Small pain in… Merchant

Of

2) Journey by NIght 2) In the Bazaars of… Venice (Act IV)

**Std X Set E**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** Gratiano says to Shylock that for his life justice is accused. He means to say that if the law and sense of Justice had not stopped him he would have killed Shylock.

**Ans ii)** Pythagoras used to believe that souls of animals infuse themselves into the trunks of men. No, Christianity does not subscribe to this belief of Pythagoras. It does not believe in transgression of souls.

**Ans iii)** A wolf governed Shylock’s soul according to Gratiano. That wolf was about to be hanged for human slaughter and from the gallows the fell soul escaped and entered the unhallowed dam into which Shylock lay. He refers to the womb of Shylock’s mother as the unhallowed dam.

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Antonio. To Duke.

**Ans ii)** The speaker Antonio is satisfied at knowing that the Duke has forgiven half of the wealth Shylock and instead will only charge a small fine. He requests the Duke to allow him to use the other half till shylock is alive and after Shylock’s death he would give it to Lorenzo.

**Ans iii)** The speaker Antonio wants Shylock to embrace Christianity. He also wants Shylock to sign a gift deed according to which whatever he dies with, should be given to Lorenzo and Jessica.

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** The soldier finds is strange that in spite of the sun shining brightly he is feeling cold. To explain this unusual happening he is giving these reasons.

**Ans ii)** They were a group of 200 soldiers who fought tirelessly day and night. The battle lasted trough they night and as they cleared the crest the night exploded. All the soldiers were dead except this soldier who considers himself lucky to have escaped alive.

**Ans iii)** The speaker wanted aid after the explosion as he was injured. He saw dead bodies lying on the ground and deep craters in the earth.

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** Citron, pomegranate and plum are the fruits being sold by the fruitmen. (Citrus fruits will also be fine instead of the word citron)

**Ans ii)**The people immediately mentioned after the fruitmen are the musicians. They are playing music in the market place. The instruments they are using are sitar, sarangi and drum.

**Ans iii)** Many elements of the poem appeal to the olfactory sense. Sandalwood, henna and spice is what she starts with. Then she moves to the fruits citron pomegranate and plum. And finally touches upon flowers that are used during different occasions in our country.

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** The villagers had burnt a good deal of grassland that lay between the forest and the village. That created a buffer zone that stopped any forest conflagration from spreading.

**Ans ii)** The village was surrounded by bits of cultivation and the *maidan* where the villagers grazed their cattle. There were hedges made of piled up thorn branches and the pound into which cattle feeding on government forest land were locked. That was surrounded with burnt grassland and then the forest began.

**Ans iii)** Fifty miles. Sher Singh hoped if he could cross the jungle and the two rivers he might get a lift in a bullock cart or a broken down truck for the last part of his journey. Motors had started appearing even on jungle roads and that made him hopeful.

**Q.6)**

**Pointers for the answer:-** Drunk fragrant wine- sung songs- hunted stags and wild boars- loved women who are ethereal like the clouds- they have visited him and whispered to him wonderful tales that have left his brain in a whirl- climbed the peaks of Mont Blanc and Elburtz- seen the sun rise from there- seen the ocean sky and mountain tops in the hues of gold and crimson at sunset- seen lightening flash from there cleaving the storm clouds-seen green forests, fields, rivers, lakes and towns- heard singing of the sirens, strains of shepherd’s pipes- touched the wings of comely devils-flung himself into the bottomless pit-performed miracles- slain people, burned towns preached new religions and conquered whole kingdoms.