Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Old Man at the Bridge,**

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

**Std IX-PPS Set C**

**Marks 20 30min**

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

1. What kind of bridge is being described here? What was the function it was being used for on this particular day? (3)
2. While he was talking to the old man, what else was the narrator doing? What was he thinking? (3)
3. The title ‘Old Man at the Bridge’ does not have an article before the noun ‘Old Man’. What does this signify? What does the bridge symbolise? (4)
4. In what condition does Solanio claim he would have his affections with his hopes abroad? (3)
5. What assurance does Antonio give Salerio and Solanio after they share their insecurities? (3)
6. How does Bassanio describe Portia? (4)