Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Pre-Preliminary Exam: Test 5**

**Stories Poems Drama**

1) God lives in the… 1) Where the mind… Merchant

Of

2) Kabuliwala 2) The Inchcape Rock Venice (Act V)

**Std X Set H**

**Marks 40 1 hour**

**Q.1)**

**Ans i)** It refers to the ring. Civil doctor is Portia herself who disguised as a male saved Antonio’s life and refused to take three thousand ducats. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** He says that the doctor refused three thousand ducats from him and begged for the ring. He did deny him the ring initially and suffered him to go away displeased. The same person who had saved the life of his friend went away unhappy. So, beset with shame and courtesy and not wanting ingratitude to besmear his honour, he was enforced to send the ring after the judge had left. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Portia threatens Bassanio to not allow that civil doctor to come near her house. Since he had got the jewel which she loved, she would become as liberal as Bassanio. She would not deny him anything that she had; neither her body nor her husband’s bed. **3 marks**

**Q.2)**

**Ans i)** Portia to Nerissa. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Portia reacts by saying that the greater glory always dims the less. A substitute shines brightly like the king until the king be by, but when the king returns then his state empties itself. It is just like the scenario when an inland brook gets into the main of waters. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** Portia says nothing can be called good without respect (comparison). She says that the crow can be called singing as sweet as the lark when neither of them are attended. In the day time, when every goose is cackling even the nightingale would not be considered to be better than the wren. **3 marks**

**Q.3)**

**Ans i)** The word ‘it’ refers to the bell. It floated and it swung in the storm as it was tied to a buoy. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** surges’ swell: Starting sound ‘s’ is repeated. Alliteration **2 marks**

**Ans iii)** Before cutting the Inchcape Rock the weather was beautiful. The sun was shining brightly and all things looked joyful. When he was on his return journey, the weather changed drastically. A thick haze spread over the sky. Even the sun was not visible. Wind had blown as a gale the entire day but in the evening it had died away. **4 marks**

**Q.4)**

**Ans i)** The word ‘Where’ refers to a condition. By repeating the word, the poet tries to paint an idealistic picture of India that he wants to see. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** The narrow domestic walls can harm the nation by creating divisions among people and destroying the unity and integrity of the nation. If these walls exist then our focus would be on sorting out these differences rather than on our progress. These walls should be destroyed or dismantled as keeping these walls will divide the nation and weaken it. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** The poet says that countrymen will achieve perfection through rigorous and persistent efforts and interminable struggle. He knows that perfection is not easy to gain. However, with tireless striving one can hope to come near our destination of perfection. **3 marks**

**Q.5)**

**Ans i)** Jumman reasoned that the bullock had died because God’s punishment had overtaken Alagu for his treacherous conduct. **2 marks**

**Ans ii)** Alagu had betrayed Jumman by letting the aunt win the case against Jumman after Alagu had become the head-panch. **3 marks**

**Ans iii)** No. Alagu had not betrayed Jumman. Alagu was only carrying out his duty as a head panch. He had to be fair and just and give the right decision irrespective of his personal feelings. **3 marks**

**Q.6)**

The aptness of this quote is visible with the examples of Mini and Kabuliwala’s friendship- their usual jokes and phrases- the innocence in their friendship while joking over ‘Hanti’ with a nasal sound. Mini’s relation with her father who was an intent listener and she would chat non-stop for a long time.

The irony is how Mini forgets about Kabuliwala after he is imprisoned- as she grows she distances herself from her father and is closer to her female friends