Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Wall,**

**Whose place is it anyway,**

**Std VIII-PPS Set A**

**Marks 30 40 min**

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

***Question 1***

***‘But a terrible change came over our stepfather.’***

1. ***Who is the speaker of the above given lines? Whom does the word ‘our’ refer to? What is the relation between them? (3)***

*Ans: The speaker of the above given lines is Helen. The word refers to Julia and her twin sister Helen.*

1. ***Which terrible change is being spoken about? (3)***

*Ans: Their stepfather would shut himself up in the house and would seldom come out, except to indulge in quarrels with whoever might cross his path.*

***Question 2***

***‘It was an unusual sight which met our eyes’***

1. ***Who is the speaker of these lines? Whom are they spoken to? (2)***

*Ans: The speaker of these lines is Dr Watson. These lines are narrated to the audience or the readers.*

1. ***Which unusual sight has been mentioned? (2)***

*Ans: When Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson entered Dr Roylott’s chamber, they saw that Dr Roylott was sitting on a wooden chair. His eyes were fixed in a dreadful rigid stare at the corner of the ceiling. Bound tightly round his head was a peculiar yellow band with brownish speckles.*

***Question 3***

1. ***Which creatures or animals are mentioned in the fourth stanza? (2)***

*Ans: Snakes, Puerto Rican toad and koalas are mentioned in the fourth stanza.*

1. ***Explain: Will the jaguar outrun the hunter’s cold pursuit? (3)***

*Ans: The poet asks a rhetorical question to wish that jaguar should run faster than the hunter’s chase that is cold or heartless.*

1. ***Who cannot trust the humankind? In what way does the poet express this idea?(3)***

*Ans: The wolves of Ethiopia cannot trust humankind. The poet says so by asking a rhetorical question to the readers. He does so to highlight a point rather than getting an answer.*

1. ***From whom should the Koalas survive? Where? (2)***

*Ans: The Koalas should survive from ruthless logging in their hollows.*

***Question 4***

1. ***How did Dravid’s intense concentration help him? (3)***

*Ans: Dravid’s intense concentration helped im to make a name for himself as wicketkeeper and one of the greatest slip fielders the game has known with 406 international catches.*

1. ***Mention the nicknames given to Rahul Dravid and the reasons behind it. (4)***

*Ans: The nicknames given to Rahul Dravid are ‘The wall’ and ‘Jammy’. He is known as the wall for his ability to stay grittily at the crease and Jammy because his father worked for Kisaan Jams.*

1. ***In which form of cricket did Rahul get late success? What changes did he bring about in himself? (3)***

*Ans: Rahul’s success in the ODI format was slower to come. It required reinventing his playing style while still maintaining his ability to build an impregnable defence.*