Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: Animal Farm 6, Aachchi**

**Std VIII Set A**

**Marks 20 30 min**

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

1. I would venture on a sweet hunt when her loud snores told me….
2. Who is I here? What is the relation between the speaker and the other person mentioned? (2)
3. Why is it called a ‘sweet hunt’? What would the loud snores tell the narrator? Who is personified in the given sentence? Justify. (3)

Ans: ‘I’ here is the narrator. The other person is the grandmother, mother’s mother, of the narrator.

Ans: The hunt is called sweet as the narrator wanted to search for a cache of sweets which Aachchi would keep hidden in her kitchen. The loud snores would tell the narrator Aachchi was well into her long afternoon nap. ‘Loud snores’ is personified as human quality of telling is given to it.

1. On the wall above the bed was a framed photograph of…..
2. Who was in the photograph? How was she? (3)
3. Whom did the narrator think about next? Why did he look at her/him? (2)

Ans: Aachchi was in the photograph. She was young, she had slim figure, dark hair and was smiling in the photo too.

Ans: Next he thought of his mother. He looked at her and realised that Aachchi would smile like his Amma and that Amma just looked like Aachchi in that photograph.

1. Transporting the stone when it was once broken was comparatively simple…
2. How were the stones broken? Explain in short. (3)
3. Why was it necessary to break the stones? (2)

Ans: The stones were broken with the force of gravity. The animals lashed ropes around those boulders. All the animals; cows, horses, sheep even pigs at times would hold the rope and drag with desperate slowness up the slope to the top of the quarry, where they were topped over the edge to shatter to pieces below.

Ans: It was necessary to break the stones as the animals were not able to break them in suitable sizes for the construction of the windmill. Animals couldn’t stand on hind legs and use picks and crowbars.

1. This work was strictly voluntary, but any animal ….
2. What does the word ‘this work’ refer to? What would happen if any animal absented himself from that work? (2)
3. How had the animals worked? Were they happy? Why? (3)

Ans: The word ‘this work’ refers to the extra work that Napoleon had announced. It was to work on Sunday afternoons also. Napoleon called it strictly voluntary, but if any animal absented himself from it, his rations would be reduced to half.

Ans: All that year the animals worked like slaves. But they were happy in their work, they grudged no effort or sacrifice. They were aware that everything that they did was for the benefit of themselves and those of their kind who would come after them and it was not for a pack of idle thieving human beings.