Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Test: If, The Inchcape Rock, A Diary of Nobody**

**Std VIII Set A**

**Marks 25 35 min**

**Question 1 (4 marks)**

***His heart was mirthful to excess,***

***But the Rover’s mirth was wickedness***

1. Why was Rover's mirth full of wickedness? What was he going to do? (2)
2. What does he do in the next stanza? Why? (2)

**Question 2**  **(4 marks)**

***When the Rock was hid by the surge’s swell,***

***The mariners heard the warning bell;***

1. What does the word 'Rock' refer to? How had the Rock been described in the same stanza? (2)
2. Who tied the bell to the Rock? What did it do? (2)

**Question 3.**  **(8 marks)**

i. Who are impostors, according to the poet? How is one supposed to treat them? Why? (4)

ii. Why is a minute called 'unforgiving'? Which figure of speech has been mentioned? Why? (4)

**Question 4. (9 marks)**

1. Write lists under the following headings: Names of Pooter’s friends, Pooter’s colleagues, Tradespeople and his son. (4)
2. Mr Gowing must have took it by mistake…
3. Who is speaker of these lines? What is ‘it’ here? (3)
4. When did this incident take place? What happened a day before? (2)